

## INTIMACY THROUGH PRAYER

(Acts 1:12-14; Psalm 27: 1, 4, 7-8; 1Peter 4: 13-16; John 17:1-11a)

Jesus raised His eyes to heaven and said (prayed), "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to Your Son, so that Your Son may glorify You..."

One may sometimes wonder why Jesus needed to pray. He is God the Son, and He is as close to the Father as He possibly could be. Why then did He need to pray? Louis Evely in his book, *Teach Us To Pray*, once wrote, "Too many Christians regard God as pilots regard their parachute, namely, good if needed, but better if they can get along without it." In today's society, those of us who are technologically savvy, like to spend as many hours as possible on the phone or Internet with those that we love. The younger generations could spend endless hours *texting* and/or chatting with their friends. Communication is always the key to a lasting friendship! We talk to our friends not only when we need a favor from them, but most importantly, because we love them and are in a relationship with them. Jesus prays to the Father, because He is in a relationship with the Father. Prayer strengthens our relationship and bolsters our intimacy with Jesus.

In today's first reading, we see the Disciples returning to the upper room where Jesus had the Last Supper. The picture of the Disciples gathering with some women together with Mary, the mother of Jesus, is symbolic and idyllic as they devote themselves "with one accord to prayer." This account by St. Luke demonstrates to us the importance of our unity when we gather together at the Lord's Table to celebrate the Eucharist. Like the Lord's mother and the Disciples, when we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, which is a symbol of our Christian unity, we are "in one accord" with God and with one another. It is the greatest of all prayers, a symbol of our Christian unity, which enriches our relationship with God, the Father, through Christ in the unity of His Holy Spirit.

Today's gospel presents us with the first part of Jesus' final words to His Disciples, often called *Jesus' High Priestly Prayer*, because here, in the language incomprehensible apart from His Jewish heritage, He prays that the Father glorify His Son, that He become a Father to His Disciples and make them holy, and prays for those who through the word of the Disciples may come to know His Father. Jesus' last testament is that His followers be brought into the kind of loving union that He shares with the Father. The prayer touches on some important issues. First and foremost, He sees His suffering and death as a *glorification*: "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to Your Son." The intent and purpose of this *glorification* is "that Your Son may give eternal life to all You gave Him." And the meaning of this *eternal life* is "that (we) should know God as the only true God, and the one Whom He sent, Jesus Christ."

Jesus understands that while in the world, Christians, will be tempted and be persecuted, hence, "I pray for them...because they are Yours...and everything of Yours is Mine...And now I will no longer be in the world but they are in the world, while I am coming to You." Jesus has given Himself to us in the Eucharist, and next Sunday He will send us the Holy Spirit Who will help us to pray for God's strengthen and guidance in the midst of the world's calamities and afflictions, and also in times of temptation and persecution.

Rev. Anthony Ita Bassey, MSP


**PARISH NEWS**



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**TO ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH!**

*You're Invited...*

The **Rosary Altar Society** invites all women of the Parish to join them for an evening of relaxation and fun this Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m., at *J.C. Fogarty's*, 60 Kraft Avenue, Bronxville.

The price, \$29, includes pasta, salad, choice of entrée, dessert and coffee/tea. For reservations please call Dolores (969-3388) or Josephine (476-5386).

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**CHILDREN'S MASS**

Please make it a point to bring your child to our Children's Mass next Sunday. The 10 a.m. Mass will focus on our children. The Children's Choir will sing at the Mass; and all children are encouraged to sit with other children at a designated place during the Mass.




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**GREAT GIFT FOR**

*Father's Day*

**FATHER'S DAY CARDS AND NOVENA:** Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, is Father's Day. We will have a 9-day Novena of Masses for all our fathers - living and deceased. The Novena of

Masses will begin on Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> and end on Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. There are cards and/or envelopes at the back of the church. If you want your father, father-in-law or any other father remembered in the Novena of Masses, please fill out the envelope and place it in the collection basket or bring it to the rectory during the week. Remember, on Fathers Day we will invoke a special blessing on all the fathers during the Masses that weekend.

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The Annual Parish Picnic sponsored by the Holy Name Society is scheduled for Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, at St. Joseph's Seminary from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Please plan on attending this great family day.



**ALTAR FLOWERS** for this week have been donated for the intentions of the Brusco Family.

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The **ALTAR BREAD & WINE, ALTAR CANDLES** and **SANCTUARY LAMP** for the week have been donated for the intentions of the Brusco Family.



**CALENDAR** The representative of each Parish Committee and group within the Parish, vying for use of the McManus Parish Center, are reminded that the calendar meeting will take place on **Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m.** in the School Please save the date!



## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### WEDDING JUBILEE MASS & CELEBRATION



St. Bartholomew's couples who are celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary anytime this year (2011) are invited to attend the 11:30 a.m. Mass on June 12<sup>th</sup>. They will be blessed and honored during the Mass which will be followed by a Reception in the McManus Parish Center. Please call the Rectory to register and tell us how many guests you might be expecting at the Reception.



*"I will come back to you and your hearts will rejoice."* Rejoice in your sacrament on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter, August 12-14. Please register early; for more information, call toll free (877) 697-9963, ext. 3 or visit [www.wmearchny.org](http://www.wmearchny.org).

Worldwide Marriage Encounter's mission of renewal in the Church and change in the world is to assist couples and priests to live fully intimate and responsible relationships by providing them with a Catholic "experience" and ongoing community support for such a lifestyle.

### PREGNANCY AND ADOPTION SERVICES

If you know anyone who is experiencing concerns associated with an unintended pregnancy, please contact Catholic Guardian Society and Home Bureau's (CGSHB) Maternity Services Department. They are able to provide non-judgmental, non-directive counseling and clients will receive information on all their parenting options, including adoption. CGSHB is a New York State authorized adoption agency, offering a full range of counseling, education and placement services to the expectant mother and father. Their professional social workers provide sensitive, compassionate and confidential counseling to any client regardless of age, legal status, religion, race or economic status. All services are free. Maternity services social workers are available to schedule visits with the client at a convenient location, either an office setting, the client's home or at a site requested by the client.

Home studies and placement services for prospective adoptive parents planning to adopt domestically or internationally are also provided. They also have an International Adoptive Placement program with the Democratic Republic of the Congo. They are working on a Bulgarian program.

For information or referrals call (212) 371-1011, ext. 2153 or (800) 592-4357; bi-lingual services (212) 371-1000, ext. 2238 or 2236.

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:** Held after the 9 a.m. Mass on Mondays.

**EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTION:** Held the First Friday of every month at 1 p.m. Please join us when you are able.

**DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION:** Held the First Saturday of every month at 3 p.m. All are encouraged to participate.

**RECITATION OF THE ROSARY:** Join your fellow parishioners in praying the Rosary after the 9 a.m. Mass on weekdays and Saturdays.



### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

- The **budgeted** Collection for last Sunday was **\$5850.00**.
- The **Collection** for last Sunday was **\$4919.80**.

We thank everyone for their generosity to St. Bartholomew's Church. May God bless and reward all your sacrifices for the Parish!



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ethel Thomas, Aldina Pereira, Rebecca Conroy, Alejandra Santander, Amadeu Amorim, Grace Raguso, Andy DeFabritis, Maryann Tolli, Maria Marte, Ed Carpenter, Barbara Rup, Jule Yaskovic, Rosalie Heit, Dolores Santamarena, Florence B. Swetz, Clare Yaskovic, Neil Caruso, Raymond Fitzpatrick, Sr., Deacon James Byrnes, Andrea Objay, Carmen Torres, John Esposito, Francis Farrell, Mark Baum, Frank Marra, Christine Bellino, Deacon Patrick Troy, Josephine Apuzzo, Edith Dugan, John & Gary Roth, Lena Castaldo, Joyann Allan, Anna Rita Morgante, Lois Burton, Mary DeStefano, Carmella DelBene, Ann Ceriale, Dan Seratto, Mark Cianfaglione, Shawn Colon, Margaret Maccia, Nicole Ryan Betancourt, Anthony Spinner, Audrey & Alfred Falcone, Kathleen Hayes, and Paul Montalbano.

### THE 2012 MASS BOOK IS OPEN

The Mass Book for 2012 opened on Ash Wednesday and there are still many dates open in this year's Mass Book, as well. Consider giving a loved one or someone (living or deceased) who has a special place in your life the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. You may have a thanksgiving Mass offered for your loved ones or for yourself on such occasions as birthdays, wedding anniversaries, etc. Also, you may consider offering the altar flowers, altar bread and wine, altar candles, or sanctuary lamp for your intention. Come to the Rectory Office, **Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.** to make arrangements or to inquire about the availability of a particular date.



### ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S PARISH CARNIVAL

Friday through Sunday

September 30<sup>th</sup> – October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Food, Vendors, Games

**Iona Preparatory School** announces its **Scholar Athlete Camp** from July 5<sup>th</sup> to July 22<sup>nd</sup>, for all young males entering 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grades. It offers 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> graders a three week session of non-traditional academics in the morning, while 8<sup>th</sup> graders work on strengthening their skills in reading, math, and strategies for the TACHS (Test for Admissions to Catholic High Schools). In the afternoon, all campers have a choice of athletic skill instruction and enhancement. For course selections and camp fee, please visit the SUMMER link at [www.ionaprep.org](http://www.ionaprep.org). Registration is limited.

**St. Eugene's Parish** is running a pilgrimage to the **Shrines of French Canada**, August 25<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>. For more information call (800) 334-5425 or visit [www.syversentouring.com/frenchcanada](http://www.syversentouring.com/frenchcanada).

*JUNE 5, 2011*

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*Mass*  *for the*  
*Intentions* *Week*

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**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Saturday, June 4 (Vigil Mass)

5:00 PM Frank & Carmela Legio +

Sunday, June 5

8:30 AM Carl Laredo & Robert Liddell +

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM Luciano LaBruzzo +

5:00 PM Antonio Vitullo +

Monday, June 6

**Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM Helen & Pete Pietrowski +

9:00 AM Intentions of the Brusco Family

Tuesday, June 7

**Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Julieann Campisi Moroch +

Wednesday, June 8

**Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Rosalina & Antonio Dellano +

Thursday, June 9

**Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM No Intention

Friday, June 10

**Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Marcello Barcello +

Saturday, June 11

**Saint Barnabas, apostle**

9:00 AM Cyrus Pecoraro +

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Saturday, June 11 (Vigil Mass)

5:00 PM Betty Nugent +

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Sunday, June 12

**Pentecost Sunday**

8:30 AM Deceased Members of Zucconi Family +

10:00 AM In Thanksgiving to Sacred Heart of Jesus

11:30 AM Anna Giuriceo +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

**JUNE 5, 2011**

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY!

**We  
Love  
To  
Serve  
You!**



Our warmest welcome to our visitors and parishioners! We are glad you came to celebrate the Eucharist with us today. We thank God for you! Do not hesitate to let us know how we may serve you.

Every family and single adult to be considered an active parishioner of St. Bartholomew's Parish must be properly registered in the Parish, receiving and regularly using the Parish Weekly Collection Envelopes. Only in this way can the Pastor issue documents attesting to Catholic practice of the faith and Parish membership, e.g. a letter to be a Godparent or Sponsor. For further information call the Parish Office at (914) 965-0566.

If you have not registered or need to correct some of the information in our file, please fill out this form and check (X) the appropriate box below, or use the complete Registration Form (found on the table at the rear of the Church); and drop the completed form into the collection basket or drop off/mail it to the Rectory. Thank you!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

- I am a visitor.
- I am interested in parish membership.
- Change of Address / Telephone Number.
- I am moving out of the Parish.
- I am going to the hospital.
- I would like to be visited by a priest / minister.
- Please send me the *Catholic New York*.
- I would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith.

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**Mass in Appreciation Of  
Our School Faculty & Staff**  
**Followed by Reception  
In the McManus Parish Center**  
**Next Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, at 5 p.m.**  
  
All are welcome! Please plan on attending.