

DIAL-A-PRIEST!*Jeremiah 31: 7-9; Psalm 126: 1-6; Heb. 5: 1-6; Mark 10: 45-52*

What do you want Jesus to do for you? Ask Him in faith through His priests!

"The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy." Indeed, the Lord has done great things for you and me by sending His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to offer Himself as an eternal sacrifice for our salvation. On this Priesthood Sunday, the scripture readings draw attention to the sacred priesthood and emphasize the importance of the presence of a priest amongst God's people.

The first reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah echoes optimism of the chosen people of God. Its background is the long-awaited homecoming of the Babylonian Exiles. Jeremiah's mission was to bring hope to the despondent people of God: "Shout with joy for Jacob, exult at the head of the nations; proclaim your praise and say: The Lord has delivered His people, the remnant of Israel..." He, the Lord, "will gather them from the ends of the world, with the blind and the lame in their midst..." Even though the Israelites had sinned and wandered away from God, He never abandoned them. The Lord is always true to His covenant. Prophet Jeremiah never lost trust in God that He would one day heal the wounds of His beloved people, rebuild their nation and restore their pride. The Lord is always willing to do great things for those who trust in Him.

In confirming the important role of prophets / priests amongst God's people, the Letter to the Hebrews says, "Every high priest is taken from among men and made their representative before God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins." The Mystery of the Incarnation, God becoming man, reveals that Christ, our High Priest, was chosen amongst men to offer Himself as a sacrificial Lamb. Similarly, your parish priest is taken from amongst your midst, ordained and sent to empathize and sympathize with you in times of pain and sorrow. He is there to pray for you and with you. He is chosen to comfort the broken hearted and to bring healing to the sick. The priest is present in your midst to bring hope to the hopeless - light to those in darkness - support to the afflicted.

The essential element of the priesthood is to choose men who are *alter christus* (another Christ) to offer sacrifice to God on behalf of God's people - to be servants of God in service to His people - mediators between God and man. A priest's role is to intervene and intercede with God on the people's behalf. God communicates His love and care to His people through His priests. He sends them to administer the Sacraments and to preach the Gospel to you and me - to reconcile us with God and one another - to witness to His compassion and love - to invoke God's blessing upon us. The priests are "taken from among men," therefore, like all men, they are human, deficient, but God's own instruments. God's power is made perfect even in the weaknesses of His priests.

In today's gospel we read of the blind man, Bartimaeus, who called out to Jesus for help, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." He looked beyond the humanness of Jesus; thus, he sought for help that resulted in him being healed by Jesus. Like Bartimaeus, you and I must "throw aside our cloaks" of doubts - multiple excuses - laziness - selfishness - self-worthlessness; so that we can be freer to come to Jesus who is always ready and willing to heal us through the sacraments administered by His holy priests.

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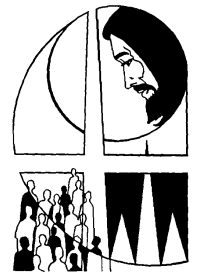
PARISH NEWS

THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS "A FEAST OF HOPE"

This **Thursday, November 1st**, is the Feast of All Saints and a **Holy Day of Obligation**. On that day we remember the many great Christians who have gone before us, the unsung heroes of outstanding love, dedication, and commitment in life. St. John described them when he said, "These are the ones who have survived the great period of trial; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." As we reflect on the meaning of this 'feast of hope,' we are called to be resolute in serving God even in the midst of persecutions and other forms of difficulties. Let us reflect on the *Beatitudes* and always strive to be dedicated in serving God in our neighbors with a simple, open, and contrite heart.

It is a Holy Day of Obligation; therefore, all Catholics are required to attend Mass. The Masses for All Saints Day are:

- **Wed, October 31st** -----Vigil Mass at 7:30 p.m.
- **Thurs, November 1st** - 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 12 noon, & 7:30 p.m.



"Remember those
who have gone before us..."

NOVENA MASSES FOR ALL SOULS: This Friday, November 2nd, is All Souls day. We will have a 9-day novena of Masses for all our departed loved ones. If you would like your loved ones to be remembered at these Masses, kindly fill out the "All Souls" envelope found in your envelope packet or on the tables at the rear of the Church, include your stipend, and drop it in the Collection basket or bring it to the Rectory Office by this Thursday.

PRAYER FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Dear God,
Death as much as birth, is a part of the circle of life.
Hear our prayers for those who have died:
Those who have died suddenly;
People who have been victims of violence or war;
Men, women, & children who have died
Because of disease, famine, or neglect;
And especially our dear, departed loved ones.
Give us comfort in our grief, and hope in Your eternal love.
May all those who have served You on earth
Share in the fullness of joy in Your heavenly kingdom.
Bring us all to the glory of the resurrection. Amen.

The members of the **Rosary Altar Society** will attend the 8:30 a.m. Mass next Sunday, November 4th.



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FAMILY MASS: A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AND SHARE WITH OTHER FAMILIES:

Next Sunday, November 4th, we will celebrate Family Mass at 10 a.m. After the Mass, we will gather together for our usual "Family Breakfast" in the McManus Parish Center. The Family Mass provides an opportunity for you to get to know other families and members of the parish. Therefore, endeavor to join us next Sunday for faith and love sharing. All are welcome!



In this, The Year of Faith, we at St. Bart's are exploring the possibility of starting a local Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Look for information after next week's Masses.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: Executive Director of the Adult Learning Center. Located at 138 Centre Ave, New Rochelle, the Center is a mission of Ursuline Social Outreach focused on instruction in English, job readiness, & citizenship preparation for underserved adults. The position requires solid skills in written & oral presentations, leadership, & administration. Knowledge of Spanish is helpful but not required. The ideal candidate will have a proven fundraising track record evidenced by effective grant writing, solicitation of major gifts, & development of special events. Position is part-time with negotiable salary. Please e-mail Dr. John M. Conroy at jconroy@adultlearningcentermr.org with resume & cover letter by November 15th.

FAMILY FAITH FESTIVAL – NOVEMBER 3rd

Our next Family Faith Festival for families with school age children will be held this **Saturday, November 3rd**; the goal is to "go out on a limb" to encounter Christ. Reservations are required. If you have not already done so, please call Cheryl Duda (476-6676) as soon as possible.



Our **SOCIAL MINISTRY** is having a special **Thanksgiving Food Drive**. For the next two weekends, please bring to church Thanksgiving appropriate, non-perishable fixings, especially canned vegetables, canned sweet potatoes, boxed mashed potatoes, coffee, tea, and juices. Thank you.

There will be a special Mass in commemoration of All the Souls of the Faithful Departed buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery (209 Truman Avenue) on Friday, November 2nd, at 11 a.m. There will be a temporary tent erected on the site of the former chapel. All are invited.

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

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

† STEWARDSHIP †

What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits to me?

TITHING – GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

October 23, 2011

Adults' Contribution	\$4499.70
Children's Contribution	\$157.95
Last Year's Total	\$4657.65

October 21, 2012

Adults' Contribution	\$6857.50
Children's Contribution	\$193.00
This Year's Total	\$7050.50

The Collection for the World Missions totaled \$2347.90.

"The true purpose of tithing is to secure not the tithe, but the tither; not the gift, but the giver; not your money, but you... for God."

Thank you to all those who are participating in our tithing program! **May God bless and reward your sacrifices! For those who are not yet tithing, I encourage you to please give it a prayerful thought. Thanks!**

REMEMBER YOUR BELOVED PARISH

Remember, "We make a living by what we earn. We make a life by what we share." Please remember our Parish in your Will as a lasting and loving gift to your parish family. Thank you!



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ethel Thomas, Aldina Pereira, Rebecca Conroy, Andy DeFabritis, Maria Marte, Barbara Rup, Jule Yaskovic, Rosalie Heit, Florence B. Swetz, Clare Yaskovic, Neil Caruso, Raymond Fitzpatrick, Sr., Deacon James Byrnes, Andrea Objay, Carmen Torres, John Esposito, Frank Marra, Deacon Patrick Troy, Josephine Apuzzo, Edith Dugan, Gary Roth, Joyann Allan, Anna Rita Morgante, Lois Burton, Mary DeStefano, Mark Cianfagione, Shawn Colon, Margaret Maccia, Nicole Ryan Betancourt, Anthony Spinner, Audrey & Alfred Falcone, Kathleen Hayes, Marge Muraik, Stan Buoninfante, Donna Vasconez, Gene DelBene, Nicole Pisani-Frame, Louis Petrulo, Cynthia Swiatkiewicz, Jimmy Maimone, Robert Mirsky, Steve Oddo, Roseann Mercandetti, Louis Brusco, Josephine Daniele, Jennifer Dorsey, Valerie Riccardi, Fatima Panik, Joanne Moscarello, Marian Fletcher, Anna Bonacci, Minerva Hernandez, Paula Parente, Barbara Olivieri, Carol Swetz, Bridget O'Malley, Anna Brucculeri, Peggy Clevenberg, Gerald Mazzerese, Jr., Patricia Keane, Louis Milone, and Joey Bastardi.

REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES, LIVING AND DEAD

The Mass Books for both 2012 and 2013 are open and have availability. Consider giving a loved one the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. Also, you may consider offering the Altar flowers, Altar bread and wine, Altar candles, or lighting the Sanctuary lamp for a week 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.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Falco (Antonio) D'Emilio.



OCTOBER 28, 2012



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 27 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Maria & John Spagnola +

Sunday, October 28

8:30 AM Carl Laredo +

10:00 AM Julia Wyda +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

5:00 PM Julieann Campisi Moroch +

Monday, October 29

Weekday

7:00 AM Ann Pohorence & Angela Spadaccia +

9:00 AM Patricia Galik +

Tuesday, October 30

Weekday

7:00 AM Marion Waters +

9:00 AM Ann Guastella +

Wednesday, October 31

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Nicholas Pezzente +

7:30 PM Deacon Anthony Mercandetti +

Thursday, November 1

All Saints

7:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

9:00 AM Julieann Campisi Moroch +

12:00 Noon Frank & Carmella Gerace +

7:30 PM Deceased Members of Lucchetti & Capuano Families

Friday, November 2

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed – All Souls

7:00 AM Novena for Deceased Loved Ones

9:00 AM Zdzislaw Zulinski +

Saturday, November 3

Weekday

9:00 AM Novena for Deceased Loved Ones

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, November 3 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM James Mahoney +

Sunday, November 4

8:30 AM Peter Klee +

10:00 AM Anna & Gaetano Brucculeri's 66th Wedding Anniversary

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

5:00 PM Novena for Deceased Loved Ones

OCTOBER 28, 2012

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY



Today, in the United States, we celebrate Priesthood Sunday. It is a day to honor our priests, to reflect upon and affirm the role of priesthood in our Church; and to show our appreciation to those who are our priests. On this day we want to thank Father Anthony for answering God's call and for serving as our priest.

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PRAYER FOR OUR PRIESTS

Divine Grace, which always heals that which is infirmed and supplies that which is lacking, You have called our beloved brothers to sacred ministry. Let us pray that they be confirmed and strengthened with the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Fill them with grace and counsel, that they may love You with all their hearts, all their minds, and all their strength. Grant them irreproachable conduct, steadfast faith, and good works so that they may help and guide Your people with unselfish motivation.

Grant them wisdom, let their minds be sober and watchful, so that they may be filled with works of healing and words of instruction. May they teach Your people in meekness and serve You in holiness with an undivided mind and a willing soul.

May they be the light of Your only begotten Son that the word of Your gospel may be spread and Your name may be glorified in every creature.

May they serve at Your holy altar with pure hearts and good consciences. Grant that they may prosper in all Your commandments and the keeping of Your laws, so that they may be able to minister joyfully on the day of Your coming. Amen.

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SHARING COMMUNITY MEAL

This Thursday, November 1st, we will be providing our Sharing Community Meal. Please bring your ziti or dessert to the Rectory. Doors will open at 6:45 a.m. The Sharing Community truly appreciates our efforts. Please keep up the good work! For information, please call the Parish Office.



HOLY HOUR: This Friday, November 2nd, is First Friday. We will have our monthly Holy Hour at 1 p.m. On Saturday, November 3rd, the Divine Mercy Holy Hour will begin at 3 p.m. All are invited to spare an hour and come to adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.

