

**MARRIAGE IS ORDAINED BY GOD***Gen. 2:18-24; Psalm 128:1-6; Heb. 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16*

In the Book of Genesis 2:18, the Lord God said: "it is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him...The Lord God then built up into a woman the rib that He had taken from the man. When He brought her to the man, the man said: 'This one...is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called 'woman'...That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife (woman), and the two of them become one flesh."

In the Judeo-Christian cultures and in many other cultures around the globe, marriage is celebrated as a sacred reality, and a special event. Marriage is a state of life ordained and sanctioned by God in the very act of creation itself. Thus, the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council in reflecting on this very mystery said: "The intimate community of life and love which constitutes the married state has been established by the Creator and endowed by Him with its own proper laws; it is rooted in the contract of its partners, that is, in their irrevocable personal consent. It is an institution confirmed by divine law...For God Himself is the author of marriage..." (GS 48). If God, therefore, is the author of marriage, it is only Him Who has the sole right to alter it. Thus, our Lord and Teacher, Jesus Christ, warns us all: "Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate." (Mark 10:9).

Sadly, this sacred institution has been under constant attack and pressure from generation to generation. It was challenged by the Jewish people, and broken down during the days of Moses. It was restored and elevated to the status of Sacrament by Christ, Who reminded the Pharisees, who questioned Him about divorce, that Moses compromised the commandment of God "because of the hardness of your hearts." It was because of the weakness and selfishness of the Jewish people that Moses compromised the faith and the law of God. Even in today's society, judges, politicians, leaders of the people, like Moses, have unfortunately deviated from God's law in order to appease the electorate. It was not meant to be so, because "from the beginning...God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." In furthering our Lord's teaching, and also in summarizing the teaching of the Second Vatican Council, the Code of Canon Law defines marriage as, "The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses...the procreation...education of offspring; this covenant between baptized persons has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament." (Can. 1055:1).

In our fast changing world, many traditional values are questioned and, unfortunately, are gradually replaced. Marriage, one of the most sacred and oldest institutions is currently under attack by the "new norm" of divorce - gay 'marriage' - co-habitation and so on. As we kickoff the "Year of Faith" this Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, you and I are called to enrich our faith through prayer and introspection. We are called to live our faith by promoting and supporting the institution of marriage - pray for our young people who are contemplating marriage, husbands and wives, and especially newlyweds. Through the intercession of our Blessed mother Mary, pray that husband and wife may accept each other as "a little child" would - with humility and simplicity. May they bear with one another's inadequacies and thus ensure the unity and sacredness of marriage.

**Rev. Anthony Ita Bassey, MSP**


**PARISH NEWS**



The **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY** meeting will be held this Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center. All women of the Parish are invited to attend.

Registration for **Religious Education Classes** for public school children is open. Classes are available for children in Pre-K through High School, including those with Special Education needs. **All Catholic children attending public schools should enroll in a religious education program.** Please call (476-6676) for more information.



This Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, is a holiday. There will be only one Mass on that day at 9:00 a.m. The Parish Office will be closed in observance of the holiday.

**CHILDREN'S MASS:**

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



**HAVE YOU PRAYED YOUR ROSARY TODAY?** This month of October is the "Month of the Holy Rosary!" We are encouraged to say at least a decade of the Rosary in honor of our Blessed Mother, Mary, requesting her intercession for our needs and the needs of the whole world. If you do need literature on how to pray the Rosary or you need a Rosary, please feel free to call our Religious Education Center for help at (914) 476-6676.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** for this week have been donated in loving memory of Frances Nanoia by Louis & Angela Brusco.



The **ALTAR BREAD & WINE, ALTAR CANDLES** and **SANCTUARY LAMP** for the week have been donated in loving memory of Frances Nanoia by Louis & Angela Brusco

**SAVE THE DATE**

The **Family Faith Festival** for families with school age children will be held on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 12 noon to 2:30 p.m.

VATICAN II AND THE YEAR OF FAITH



The Year of Faith opens on October 11, 2012, the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council. Vatican II was a gathering of over 2,000 bishops from all over the world at St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City. The Council lasted from 1962 to 1965, during which time the Council Fathers, in cooperation with the Holy Spirit, strove to understand and articulate the mission of the Church

in the modern world.

The fruits of the Council took the form of 16 documents, which outlined the path for renewal in the Church. The documents ranged from Constitutions on the Sacred Liturgy and Divine Revelation to texts on Religious Liberty and Social Communication. It was the intention of the Council Fathers, as it is the intention for the Church on the threshold of the Year of Faith, to bring about authentic renewal in the Church so as to discover the way to bring the unchanging truth of Christ to a new era in human history.

Because the Year of Faith coincides so closely with the anniversary of the Council, the Pope has asked us to pay particular attention to the Vatican II documents, as they "have lost nothing of their value or brilliance" (Porta Fidei: 5). We are encouraged to be educated and evangelized through study and reflection upon these source documents, and to find in them the "sure compass by which to take our bearings in this century now beginning" (Porta Fidei: 5).

The women of the Rosary Altar Society wish to thank all parishioners, the Religious Education program, and the Youth Group for helping to make their Clothing Drive this past weekend a success. A total of 167 bags were collected.



**YOUTH GROUP:** The first Sunday evening of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass, our Youth Group meets in the McManus Parish Center. All youths age 13 and up are invited.

**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.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

October 2, 2011

Adults' Contribution	\$6041.00
Children's Contribution	\$143.75
<b>Last Year's Total</b>	<b>\$6184.75</b>

September 30, 2012

Adults' Contribution	\$7358.60
Children's Contribution	\$156.60
<b>This Year's Total</b>	<b>\$7515.20</b>

*"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."*

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, Dan Seratto, Mark Cianfaglione, 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 Swiatkowicz, 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, Edith D'Aquila, Anna Bruculeri, Peggy Clevenberg, Gerald Mazzerese, Jr., Patricia Keane, Louis Milone, and Joey Bastardi.

Prayer for Reverence of Life

*Almighty God, giver of all that is good. We thank you for the precious gift of human life -*

*For life in the womb, coming from Your creative power;*

*For the life of children, making us glad with their freshness and promise;*

*For the life of young people, hoping for a better world;*

*For the life of the handicapped and disabled, teaching us humility;*

*For the life of the elderly, witnessing the ageless values of patience and wisdom.*

*Like Blessed Mary, may we always say yes to Your gift. May we defend it and promote it from conception to its natural end; and Father, bring us at last to eternal life, in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

AMEN.

OCTOBER 7, 2012

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**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, October 6 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Deceased Members of Laudadio Family +

**Sunday, October 7**

8:30 AM Giulia Marchionno +

10:00 AM Dave, Peg & Sam Jacob +

11:30 AM Julieann Campisi Moroch +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

**Monday, October 8**

Weekday - Columbus Day

9:00 AM Helen & Pete Pietrowski +

**Tuesday, October 9**

Weekday

7:00 AM Sadie Finnegan +

9:00 AM Gilda Spear & Eleanor Hassan (living)

**Wednesday, October 10**

Weekday

7:00 AM Cynthia King (living)

9:00 AM Marcello Barcello +

**Thursday, October 11**

Weekday

7:00 AM John S. DelBene +

9:00 AM Margaret Vetrano +

**Friday, October 12**

Weekday

7:00 AM Rita Bolduc +

9:00 AM Frances Nanoia +

**Saturday, October 13**

Weekday

9:00 AM Stephen Hickey +

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**Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, October 13 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Thomas Wyda +

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**Sunday, October 14**

8:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

10:00 AM Paul Montalbano +

11:30 AM Obalde & DiRenzo Families

5:00 PM Anthony DiPaolo +

**WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY!**

**We  
Love  
To  
Serve  
You!**

Our warmest welcome to our visitors! 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 on 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 (you may also 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.

**WELCOMING OUR NEW PARISHIONERS**

We especially want to welcome these families and individual who joined or returned to our Parish family this summer:

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| Jenny Batista & Nicholas Nunez | Manny & Nicole Areizaga  |
| Antony & Anija Biju            | Steven & Beatriz Cancel  |
| Jorge & Patricia Castro        | Mark Cianfaglione        |
| Marcy Colon                    | Gilberto & Clara Colon   |
| Jennifer DelBene               | Gabriella Corbo          |
| Victor & Angie Delgado         | Gloria Escobar           |
| Patria Fernandez               | Daniel Higgins           |
| Carlos & Perla Liriano         | Anthony & Arlene Martin  |
| Paul & Carla Morais            | Antonio & Abigail Onofre |
| Aristides & Irene Taveras      | Elvis & Ivelisa Valdez   |
| Alex & Bridgette Vazquez       | Albert & Patricia Velez  |
| Rosimary Gomez                 |                          |

Please feel free to speak to our pastor or any of the pastoral staff if you need any assistance. Your presence in our parish family means a lot to all of us. Once again, welcome!

