

WEALTH DOES'NT ENSURE HAPPINESS

Wisdom 7:7-11; Psalm 90:12-17; Heb. 4: 12-13; Mark 10: 17-30

"...What must I do to inherit eternal life?" I am a rich young man! What must I do to be truly happy? I keep all the commandments! What must I do to have peace of mind? I have never killed anyone! I have never committed adultery! I have never stolen from anyone! I have never bore false witness against anyone! I have never defrauded anyone! Indeed, I worked hard for my riches; thus, I am a wealthy man today. In addition, I also honor and respect my mother and father. I have been very faithful in keeping God's commandments all my life; and I believe that I have done enough to inherit eternal life. I deserve contentment and happiness! The bible tells us that Jesus loved the rich young man and would love him to have eternal life and be happy. Therefore, Jesus said to him, unfortunately, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow Me." In other words, if you truly want to be a follower of Jesus, you must go beyond "observing the commandments," and start practicing them. Gaining eternal life is not all about the bad you did not do, but, more so, it is about the good that you did. St. Ambrose once said, "For he who hears but does not act denies Christ; though he confesses by words he denies by deeds."

Disappointingly, the young man who was apparently searching for happiness went away sad because he could not take on the challenge of Jesus for total renunciation. The lesson here for you and me is about the choices and decisions we have to make in life. It is about the fact that as Christians, our life styles must always witness to real values that lead to true happiness. Undoubtedly, this young man was a very good man. He was a nice man by all standards, and loved God as much as he said he did. He was a respectable man - true, he may not have harmed anyone physically, but neither did he compel himself to be positively and sacrificially generous with his wealth. Unfortunately, there are many Christians, who, like the rich young man, are very faithful in keeping the commandments and regulations but are lagging behind in administering love, peace and justice to the poor and the disadvantaged in today's society.

The challenge for you and me during this "Year of Faith" is "hold fast to our confession," by preferring God's wisdom "to scepter and throne, and (to) deem riches nothing in comparison with her," so that we can be rewarded now and will possess "eternal life in the age to come." Our faith must inspire us to believe and accept that the renunciation of wealth is not an end in itself but only a precondition to following Christ. You and I ought to physically and emotionally detach ourselves from our *possessions* if we truly want to be *followers* of Christ, rather than His *admirers*. *Admirers of Christ* are those who love Christ - go to church - keep the commandments - receive the sacraments - Have caused no physical harm to anyone - would love to be buried by the church; but would not donate extra time, talents and/or treasures for the general good of the community. On the contrary, *followers of Christ* are those "who have given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or lands for My sake and for the sake of the gospel." Such persons will "receive a hundred times more now in this present age...and eternal life in the age to come."

During this "Year of Faith," open your heart to trusting and depending solely on God, and I guarantee you will forever have the courage to let go of things and dispositions that have no intrinsic values.

Rev. Anthony Ita Bassey, MSP

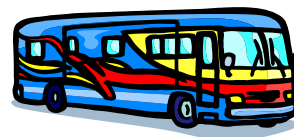
PARISH NEWS



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

MEETING: This Monday, October 15th, the Holy Name Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center. All men of the Parish are invited to attend.

The **ALTAR BREAD & WINE** for this week is donated in loving memory of Anthony DiPaolo by Paul and Joyce Moscarello.

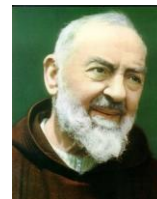


The **Rosary Altar Society** is sponsoring a shopping trip to Reading, PA on Saturday, November 10th. The bus leaves at 7:30 a.m. Call Joan (476-6860) or

Dolly (969-6575) for information & reservations.

FAMILY FAITH FESTIVAL – NOVEMBER 3rd

Our next Family Faith Festival for families with school age children will be held on **Saturday, November 3rd**, the goal is to "go out on a limb" to encounter Christ. Reservations are required by next **Sunday, October 21st**, by phone (476-6676) or fax (965-9046).



PADRE PIO TOUR: Join a group of your fellow parishioners going to the Italian Cultural Center in Tuckahoe for a private tour of the exhibit on **Friday, November 9th**, immediately following the 9 a.m. Mass. The cost is \$15 per person. Please call Cheryl Duda (476-6676) for information and reservations.

PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious, or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sister Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000 ext. 2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 914-861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

All of us experience fear, but when we confront and acknowledge it, we are able to turn it into courage. Being courageous does not mean never being scared; it means acting as you know you must even though you are undeniably afraid.

~ Most Reverend Desmond Tutu, Former Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CARDINAL

October 13 and 14, 2012
Year of Faith

Dear friends in the Lord:

At the Easter Vigil and all during the Easter season, we joined with Catholics throughout the world in renewing our baptismal call. In October, we join with Catholics throughout the world in celebrating *World Mission Sunday* - the living out of our baptismal call to be missionaries and to serve the missions.

On this World Mission Sunday, I invite you to live our missionary vocation in a very real and special way through prayer and financial support. In doing so, we will be able to serve more than two-thirds of the world's people who have not yet heard the "Good News" of Jesus Christ or experienced, through word and witness, His abiding love for all of us.

The missionary efforts of the Church depend on each of us. Please be as generous as your means will permit, and continue to pray that all of us here in the archdiocese may be eager and effective witnesses of Jesus in our world that is so very much in need of His love, justice, and peace.

With prayerful best wishes, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,
Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Fill us with Your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy! Find out how to have more joy in your marriage/holy orders on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, November 16/17. For more information call toll free 1-877 697-9963, ext.3 or visit www.wmearchny.org.



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.

EUCHARISTIC 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.

† **STEWARDSHIP** ✉
What shall I render unto the Lord
for all his benefits to me?

TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

October 9, 2011

Adults' Contribution	\$6271.40
Children's Contribution	\$100.50
Last Year's Total	\$6371.90

October 7, 2012

Adults' Contribution	\$6926.95
Children's Contribution	\$162.42
This Year's Total	\$7089.37

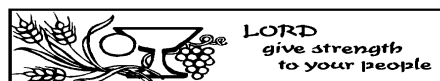
The 2nd Collection for the maintenance of our buildings and grounds totaled \$2190.20.

"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."

United with the Catholics of the world at the Table of the Lord, we recommit ourselves to our vocation, through Baptism, to be missionaries. Our prayers and Eucharistic celebration next Sunday are directed in a special way toward our brothers and sisters throughout the world who are waiting to hear the joyous "Good News" of Jesus. Through our financial gifts, offered in next week's second collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, we become partners with missionaries who proclaim the Gospel and offer help and hope to the poor in mission countries.

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 Petruolo, Cynthia Swiatkowitz, 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.

The **CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** will meet this Wednesday, October 17th, at 7 p.m. in Room 111 of St. John's Riverside Hospital, 967 North Broadway, Yonkers, for education & support to help cope with cancer. Call (914) 964-4441 for information.

OCTOBER 14, 2012



Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 13 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Thomas Wyda +

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 +

Monday, October 15

Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Cheryl DelDuca +

Tuesday, October 16

Weekday

7:00 AM Anthony Ciarnella +

9:00 AM Anne & Joe Frischman +

Wednesday, October 17

Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

7:00 AM Deceased Members of Bolduc & Savard Families

9:00 AM Eugene J. Tringali +

Thursday, October 18

Saint Luke, Evangelist

7:00 AM Patricia Brown +

9:00 AM William J. Mitchell +

Friday, October 19

Saints John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests & Martyrs

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Helen & Pete Pietrowski +

Saturday, October 20

Weekday

9:00 AM Anthony DiPaolo +

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 20 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Rosa & Michile Terrusa +

Sunday, October 21

8:30 AM Elizabeth & Carl Laredo +

10:00 AM Michael Penuch +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

5:00 PM Angelica Perez +

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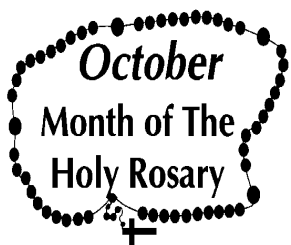
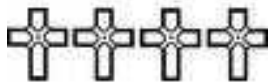
THE JOY OF BELIEVING

"...They called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how He had opened the door of faith..."(Acts 14:27).



During this Year of Faith which began this past Thursday, October 11, 2012, the Church seeks to strengthen her faith by returning more fully to the sources of our faith. There we rediscover the treasures of the faith that have been passed down to us from the apostles. In "going back to the sources," the Church looks first to the person of Jesus Christ, source and summit of our faith, especially as He is found in the Scriptures and the Eucharist. "We must rediscover a taste for feeding ourselves on the Word of God, faithfully handed down by the Church, and on the bread of life offered as sustenance for His Disciples," our Holy Father tells us (*Porta Fidei*: 3).

We are also invited to study the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, as a major resource for increase in the knowledge of our faith. Of particular importance for this Holy Year is the Second Vatican Council, which the Pope reminds us is "the great grace bestowed on the Church in the twentieth century." The sixteen documents produced by the Council should be a particular object of study during this time, for in them the Church will find "a sure compass by which to take our bearings in the century now beginning" (*Porta Fidei*: 5). It is through contact with these sources during this year that we can hope to bear the fruit of a mature faith.



Remember to invite your family and pray the Rosary with them each and every day throughout the month of October. By praying the Rosary you are requesting the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary for the protection of your family and for the faith and strength to accept any hardship

you may be encountering in life. Please make a special effort to say the Rosary with your fellow parishioners after the 9 a.m. Masses or with your family at home.

