



OUR GOOD DEEDS GO BEFORE US

Last Sunday, in the book of Ecclesiastes (2:21-23), we were reminded that most of what we labor for on earth is vanity. We were reminded that our relationship with God and with one another is thus of most importance. Therefore, whatever we have, all we treasure, must be put to the service of these relationships. This Sunday's readings take this theme further, and to its logical and Christian conclusion: we do these, above all, to lay treasures for ourselves in heaven. Jesus tells us in today's gospel to sell our belongings and give alms; and to provide money bags for ourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven which no thief can reach nor moth destroy (LK 12:32-48).

I invite us to reflect on how we use what we have on earth to prepare for a lasting place in heaven. One of the prayers we say at funerals says: "happy are those who have died in the Lord; let them rest from their labors for their good deeds go before them" (Rev 14:13). May we continue to do good deeds, small and great, at every opportunity the Lord gives us, paving the way for us to heaven. Amen. Amen.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

My first month in Yonkers was quite eventful and memorable. I hope this is not a pattern. When I assumed work in Chicago in 2006, I was admitted to hospital for three days due to a migraine headache. The headache, which I don't wish even on an enemy, finally ran its course or God decided to get it out of my way so I could focus on what he wanted me to do. It seems that that's what he has done for me again as I begin work here at St. Bart's.

Again, thanks for your prayers and loving support. Thanks to the many who helped out in various ways. Above all, thanks to God for a recovery that is going pretty well. As I mentioned already, our collective prayers are always efficacious. Never hesitate to ask your family and friends, church family and your priests for prayers, especially in times of great need and trials.

MSP GENERAL CHAPTER

The Missionary Society of St. Paul, like every religious group in the Church, holds a general chapter after a specified number of years, most often, six years. At this gathering, the life and mission of the group is reviewed, goals for the future set, and new leaders elected.

Our sixth General Chapter is coming next month. At our meeting in Houston in April, five of us were elected to represent the US Region. I had to confirm with my doctor that I could travel. So I will be going for the Chapter. I will leave on August 25 and return on September 19.

FATHER DANIEL ON VACATION

Father Daniel is currently taking part of his annual vacation. He left on Thursday, August 8th, and will return on Wednesday, August 21st. We wish him a restful period.

~ Reverend Raphael Ezech, MSP

PARISH NEWS



This Thursday, August 15th, we will celebrate the Feast of the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** into heaven. It is a Holy Day of Obligation; therefore, every Catholic is obliged to attend Mass on that day in honor of our Blessed Mother, Mary. There will be a vigil Mass on Wednesday, **August 14th at 7:30 p.m.**; and on Thursday, **August 15th**, Masses will be held at **7 a.m., 9 a.m., 12 Noon, and 7:30 p.m.** The Parish Office will be closed.

Registration for Religious Education classes for public school children, running September through June, **is open.**

Classes are available for children in 1st grade through High School senior year, including those with Special Education needs. Classes are available to prepare children of all ages for the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation, regardless of any lack of previous instruction. **All Catholic children attending public schools should enroll in a religious education program.** Please call (476-6676) for more information.



OUR PARISH R.C.I.A. PROGRAM

If you or someone you know needs information on the Catholic Faith or have not been confirmed, please call the Religious Education Office listed on the cover for information on the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.) in our parish.

"Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be His own." Have you chosen to live a Christ-centered marriage? Worldwide Marriage Encounter can give you tools to better make this choice on a daily basis. There are upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in September and November. For more information, go to: www.wwme.org or call (877) 697-9963.



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.

Frank Conroy Basketball Camp

Teaches the Fundamentals of Basketball

August 12-16 & August 19-23 8:45 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Boys & Girls Ages 6-14

Holy Trinity Church, New Rochelle

Call Coach Conroy at (914) 980-0820

Register online at www.conroybasketballcamp.com



A THANK YOU NOTE OF GRATITUDE FOR YOUR COLLECTION IN SUPPORT OF OUR MISSION

July 29, 2013

To Rev. Father Raphael Ezech, MSP, Pastor, & Staff, and All Parishioners of St. Bartholomew's Church:

As I leave your Country, it is with great joy that I am sending you this hearty note of THANK YOU solely to acknowledge and express my deepest sincere gratitude to you personally for having accepted me to come into your Parish and to all the Parishioners for the collection and financial support they have pledged and made for Hoima Catholic Diocese in favor of Bujuni Parish, St. Mary's Help of Christians, on 27-28 July, 2013, when I paid a visit to your beautiful Church of St. Bartholomew, Yonkers, NY! We are indeed indebted to you and are most grateful to all the Parishioners for your great, timely help in our need! Rest well assured of our remembrance of all of you in our humble prayers in Hoima Diocese and of the entire Vicariate of Kibaale, in UGANDA.

God bless you and reward you abundantly! And may God bless America! Good bye!!

Your Brother in Christ,

Monsignor John Mary Kitone Kabyanga Pator Bujuni St. Mary's, Our Lady Help of Christians, & Episcopal Vicar of Kibaale Vicariate, Hoima Diocese, UGANDA

A HOLY QUIP

A man died and went to heaven. He was met at the Pearly Gates by St. Peter who led him down the golden streets. They passed mansion after beautiful mansion until they came to the end of the street where they stopped in front of a shack. The man asked St. Peter why he got a shack when there were so many mansions he could live in. St. Peter replied, "We did the best we could with the money you sent us."



The 1st & 3rd Sunday evenings 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.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

August 5, 2012

Table with 2 columns: Contribution Type and Amount. Rows: Adults' Contribution (\$5973.00), Children's Contribution (\$55.05), Last Year's Total (\$6028.05)

August 4, 2013

Table with 2 columns: Contribution Type and Amount. Rows: Adults' Contribution (\$5852.35), Children's Contribution (\$32.85), This Year's Total (\$5885.20)

The second collection in support of our buildings and grounds totaled \$1591.00.

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, Deacon James Byrnes, Andrea Objay, Carmen Torres, Frank Marra, Deacon Patrick Troy, Josephine Apuzzo, Edith Dugan, Gary Roth, Joyann Allan, Lois Burton, Mary DeStefano, Mark Cianfaglione, Shawn Colon, Margaret Maccia, Nicole Ryan Betancourt, Anthony Spinner, Audrey & Alfred Falcone, Kathleen Hayes, Marge Muraik, Donna Vasconez, Nicole Pisani-Frame, Louis Petrulo, Cynthia Swiatkowicz, Jimmy Maimone, Robert Mirsky, Roseanne Mercandetti, Louis Brusco, Josephine Daniele, Jennifer Dorsey, Valerie Riccardi, Fatima Panik, Marian Fletcher, Anna Bonacci, Minerva Hernandez, Paula Parente, Barbara Olivieri, Bridget O'Malley, Anna Bruculeri, Peggy Clevenberg, Gerald Mazzerese, Jr., Patricia Keane, Louis Milone, Joey Bastardi, Carol Stola, Amada Ortiz, Karen Aprea, Stephen Sarich, Neil Cawley, Barbara McCormack, Josephine Lehotyak, and Father Raphael Ezech, MSP.

2014 MASS BOOK IS OPEN

The Mass Book for 2014 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, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. to make arrangements or to inquire about the availability of a particular date.

AUGUST 11, 2013



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 10 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Leonardo, Michele, & Carmelo Terrusa +

Sunday, August 11

8:30 AM Rose Marie Yannicelli +

10:00 AM Frances Swetz +

11:30 AM John Verno +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, August 12

Weekday

7:00 AM For a Soul In Need

9:00 AM Delia & John Tighe +

Tuesday, August 13

Weekday

7:00 AM Senator Pius Ewherido +

9:00 AM Michelle Mullen (living)

Wednesday, August 14

Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr

7:00 AM Stan Buoninfante +

9:00 AM Gene DelBene +

7:30 PM Leslie DeBrocky & Margaret McGuirk +

Thursday, August 15

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM Rita Bolduc +

9:00 AM Raymond Shannon, Jr. & Rev. Anthony Fontanello +

12:00 Noon Lena Castaldo +

7:30 PM Anne Marie Byrnes +

Friday, August 16

Weekday

7:00 AM Jose Alvarez +

9:00 AM Carmela Romagnoli +

Saturday, August 17

Weekday

9:00 AM Carol A. Swetz +

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 17 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Frances Swetz +

Sunday, August 18

8:30 AM Elizabeth Laredo +

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM Benjamin & Corazon Sotto +

5:00 PM Radames & Luis Angel Blanco +

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (SOLEMNITY - AUGUST 15th)



On November 1, 1950, Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." The pope declared this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians, and laity. There were few dissenting voices. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church.

We find homilies on the Assumption going back to the sixth century. In following centuries the Eastern churches held steadily to the doctrine, but some authors in the West were hesitant. However, by the thirteenth century there was universal agreement. The feast was celebrated under various names (Commemoration, Dormition, Passing, Assumption) from at least the fifth or sixth century.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's Assumption into heaven. Nevertheless, chapter 12 of Revelation speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Many see this woman as God's people. Since Mary best embodies the people of both Old and New Testament, her Assumption can be seen as an exemplification of the woman's victory. Furthermore, in 1 Corinthians 15:20 Paul speaks of Christ's resurrection as the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep. Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus' life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to belief in Mary's share in His glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with Him body and soul in heaven.

COMMENT: In the light of the Assumption of Mary, it is easy to pray her Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55) with new meaning. In her glory she proclaims the greatness of the Lord and finds joy in God her savior. God has done marvels to her and she leads others to recognize God's holiness. She is the lowly handmaid who deeply revered her God and has been raised to the heights. From her position of strength she will help the lowly and the poor find justice on earth and she will challenge the rich and powerful to distrust wealth and power as a source of happiness.

QUOTE: "In the bodily and spiritual glory which she possesses in heaven, the Mother of Jesus continues in this present world as the image and first flowering of the Church as she is to be perfected in the world to come. Likewise, Mary shines forth on earth, until the day the Lord shall come (cf. 2 Peter 3:10), as a sign of certain hope and comfort for the pilgrim People of God" (*Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*, 68).

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