

CONSECRATED IN LOVE!

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; 1Cor. 12:31-13:13; Luke 4: 21-30

The Lord says: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you...They will fight against you but not prevail over you, for I am with you to deliver you..."

Kate is a 20-year-old young lady who is not shy or afraid by any means. One Sunday when Kate returned from Church, her mother asked her what the priest spoke about in his homily. "He spoke about love," she said. "What did he say about love," the mother inquired? "Just the ordinary stuff...but he doesn't seem to understand..." she quipped, indicating she was not interested in talking about it.

Brothers and sisters: Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts: Faith, Hope and Love. The greatest of these, according to St. Paul, is LOVE. The word *love*, probably, has come to be the most used, the most abused, the most misunderstood and the most misused word in our daily interactions and applications. There are millions of meanings and definitions of *love* available to those who care to conduct research on it. Whatever opinions the psychologists and other experts might have, it is important for us to know that *love*, which is a theological virtue, is not a feeling, but an attitude.

Kate is a bitter young lady, who, since her childhood, has had a rough time listening to her parents' advice. In Church, she had heard that not doing the "ordinary things" at home and in school is tantamount to lacking in love. Love is an attitude of patience. It is an attitude of kindness. It is not a feeling, but an attitude of humility: "(Love) is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated and it is not rude." "Love", as a virtue, "does not seek its own interests." It is not selfish, and it detaches itself from the vices of quick-temperament and bearing of grudges. Love always rejoices with the truth and eschews falsehood and wrongdoing.

Like Jeremiah the Lord had formed you and me and dedicated us before we were born. He has dedicated us to love Him above all things and to love our neighbors as ourselves - to honor and respect our parents and all those in authority, both civil and religious. Christian love is sacrificial. It requires physiological, emotional and spiritual maturity: "When I was a child, I used to talk as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; (but) when I became (an adult), I put aside childish things," such as jealousy, selfishness, impatience, quick-temper, pride and ingratitude. Christian love requires dying to self and living for others. It is a sacrifice of growing from a state of *childishness* into a state of *adulthood* in faith.

Jeremiah understood what it meant to love; hence, when the Lord called him, he answered and later graciously suffered persecution and rejection by those he was sent to serve. Our Lord Jesus loved to the end the very people who rejected Him. The Bible tells us that even though "many people spoke highly of Jesus and were amazed at the gracious words that came from His mouth," they still tried to find faults with Him, "...they were all filled with fury...rose up, drove Him out of town..." He knew that "Love is patient...understands all things...bears all things...believes all things...hopes all things and endures all things." Go forth in love, and may today's Scripture passage be fulfilled by your loving interaction with others!



PARISH NEWS



WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

Today we rejoice and celebrate *World Day for Consecrated Life*. Over the years, many men and women have chosen to live out their baptismal vocation by professing the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience. They do this by joining a religious congregation, a secular institute, or through private vows. We pray for these people and ask God to bless our Church with others who will dedicate their lives to God's service.



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 February. The 10 a.m. Mass will focus on our children. The Parish Children's Choir will sing at the Mass. The children are encouraged to sit with other children at a designated place during the Mass.



The **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY** meeting will be held this Monday, Feb. 4th, at 7:30 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center. All women of the Parish are invited.



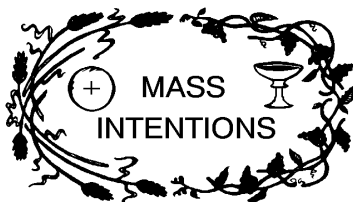
SHARING COMMUNITY MEAL: This Thursday, February 7th, we will provide our Sharing Community Meal. Please bring your ziti or dessert to the Rectory. Doors will open at 6:45 a.m. The Sharing Community truly appreciates our efforts. Please keep up the good work! For information, please call the Rectory Office.

THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE for this week has been donated in loving memory of Carmine N. Maccia by Margaret Maccia and Karen Maccia McKenna.



Sunday, February 10th, we will have a combined Rite of Sending of Catechumens for Election and Sending of a Candidate for the Call to Continuing Conversion at our 11:30 a.m. Mass. Our catechumens, Jack Danial, Kavia Garayua, Nyia Garayua, Raymond Molina, and Jarilyn Rodriguez, along with our candidate, Nancy Silva, will travel to St. Patrick's Cathedral the following two Sundays to be officially recognized by Cardinal Dolan prior to receiving Easter sacraments. The five catechumens will be Baptized, Confirmed, and receive First Communion at our Easter Vigil; while our candidate, Nancy Silva, will be received into Full Communion of the Catholic Church, also at the Easter Vigil. We congratulate them, their families and sponsors. Please keep them in your prayers.

OPENING OF THE 2014 MASS BOOK



The Mass Book for 2014 will open on Ash Wednesday, February 13th. You may come to the Rectory Office immediately following the 9 a.m., the 12 noon, or the 7:30 p.m. Masses to have Masses offered for yourself and for your loved ones, whether living or dead.

You will have the added opportunity to book Masses on Saturday evening, March 2nd, and Sunday, March 3rd, following the Masses for Sunday obligation.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

February 10, 2013
Year of the Mass

Dear Friends in the Lord:

Each year, in all of the parishes of the Catholic Church across the world, a special collection is taken up to support the charities of our Holy Father. With the funds realized through this collection, known as Peter's Pence, Pope Benedict XVI is able to assist our most needy brothers and sisters in the Lord in every corner of the globe.

The faithful of the archdiocese have, over the years, been most generous in support of this collection. It has always been for us, not only an exercise in charity, but also a witness to our respect and affection for the Successor of Saint Peter.

With this letter, I write to invite you to be as generous as your means will allow. At the same time, I ask you to keep the Holy Father in your prayers. As in the earliest days of the Church, we followers of the Lord are bound to sustain Peter and to "pray for him without ceasing" (Acts 12:5).

With prayerful best wishes, I am,

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

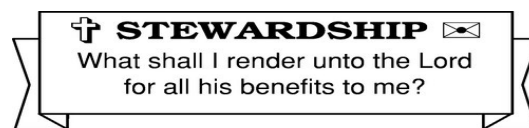


Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Yvonne M. Yurus.

EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION: Held the First Friday of every month at 1 p.m. Please join us for this most efficacious prayer.

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

January 29, 2012

Table with 2 columns: Contribution Type and Amount. Rows: Adults' Contribution (\$6575.40), Children's Contribution (\$197.70), Last Year's Total (\$6673.10)

January 27, 2013

Table with 2 columns: Contribution Type and Amount. Rows: Adults' Contribution (\$5425.05), Children's Contribution (\$158.15), This Year's Total (\$5583.20)

"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."

"WHAT WE HAVE DONE FOR OURSELVES ALONE DIES WITH US; WHAT WE HAVE DONE FOR OTHERS AND THE WORLD REMAINS AND IS IMMORTAL."

~ Albert Pike

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, Frank Marra, Deacon Patrick Troy, Josephine Apuzzo, Edith Dugan, Gary Roth, Joyann Allan, Anna Rita Morgante, Lois Burton, Mary DeStefano, 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, Anna Brucculeri, Peggy Clevenger, Gerald Mazzerese, Jr., Patricia Keane, Louis Milone, Joey Bastardi, Carol Stola, Amada Ortiz, Karen Aprea, Stephen Sarich, and Neil Cawley.

REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES, LIVING AND DEAD

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

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

FEBRUARY 3, 2013

Mass  *for the*
Intentions *Week*

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 2 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Rose & Daniel Pape, Sr. +

Sunday, February 3

8:30 AM Carmine Nicholas Maccia +

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM Anna & Anthony Faracco +

5:00 PM Sophie Frischman +

Monday, February 4

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Evelyn Smith +

Tuesday, February 5

Saint Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Aristide Scipioni +

Wednesday, February 6

Saint Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

7:00 AM Safety of Maria Antonia (living)

9:00 AM Deceased Members of Marchetti Family +

Thursday, February 7

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Anthony Intrieri +

Friday, February 8

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Anthony Intrieri +

Saturday, February 9

Weekday

9:00 AM Anthony Intrieri +

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 9 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Christine Bellino +

Sunday, February 10

8:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

10:00 AM Anthony Intrieri +

11:30 AM George Goresen +

5:00 PM Frank & Carmela Legio +

FEBRUARY 3, 2013

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 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 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.

Save The Date!

Friday, March 15, 2013
For our Parish Sweepstakes
Social Night ...

Time: 7 p.m.

Venue: McManus Parish Center



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