

## FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

Deut. 8:2-3, 14-16; 1Cor. 10:16-17; John 6:51-58

*The cup of blessing that we bless is...a participation in the blood of Christ...The bread that we break is...a participation in the body of Christ.*

The Church's Catechism teaches that, "The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ Himself, our Pasch...The Eucharist is the efficacious sign and sublime cause of that communion in the divine life and that unity of the people of God by which the Church is kept in being" (Catechism # 1324).

On Christmas Day we celebrate the Mystery of the Incarnation, when the Second Person in the Trinity, The Word of God, took flesh and became man, Jesus Christ. Today we celebrate the Mystery whereby Jesus Christ before departing this world gave Himself to you and me in the semblance of bread and wine, as His Body and Blood: "Take this...and eat: this is My Body...Take this...and drink from it: this is the cup of My Blood..."(Luke 22:17-20).

Summer is that time of the year when most people travel. A few years ago, when a majority of the airlines decided to no longer serve meals on the planes, there was an outrage and disappointment from potential passengers. Whether we travel by air, road or railway, our bodies need some liquid and /or snacks. The body needs food for the journey. Thus, most people often go with backpacks whenever they travel.

Christians are God's people on a journey here on earth. For us, the Eucharist is the "food for the journey – *viaticum*." The Body and Blood of Christ that you and I receive at Mass is the *Real Food* for the journey. Ours is surely a journey, which at times is met with challenges, temptations, desires, anxieties and difficulties. It is a journey often made difficult by the devil's tricks and deceptions. We need faith, hope, wisdom, and most of all; we need both spiritual and physical strength for the journey. We will find all this when we partake in this true *Food for the journey* – the *Viaticum*, the Eucharist (Christ's Body and Blood). You and I need Him for our journey through life. Thus, the Lord Jesus says to you and me: "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His Blood, you do not have life within you..."(John 6:53). The Eucharist, therefore, is our living Memorial. It is our life! Like the other Sacraments, the Eucharist is not just a Sunday event: It is the source and summit of all that we are and do as Catholics. As with all the Sacraments, the Eucharist accompanies us all the days of our lives.

Surely, the Eucharist is "the bread of angels, sent for pilgrims in their banishment. It is the bread meant for God's true children (you and me)..."(*Sequence*) The Eucharist is the bread meant for you and me as a genuine demonstration of our participation in the One Body of Christ. Our participation in this *bread of the angels*, the *Body and Blood of Christ* must always invigorate us to be agents of unity and harmony in our faith community; because as Apostle Paul puts it, "the loaf of bread is one, we though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf" (1Cor. 10:17).

Rev. Anthony Ita Bassey, MSP




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**CALENDAR** The representative of each Parish


Committee and group within the Parish, vying for use of the McManus Parish Center, are reminded that the calendar meeting will take place this **Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>**, at 7 p.m. in the School. Please save the date!

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**HOLY HOUR:** This Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, is First Friday. We will have our monthly Holy Hour at 1 p.m. On Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Divine Mercy Holy Hour will begin at 3 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to participate in these wonderful devotions.




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**OUR FAMILY MASS:** Next Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will celebrate our Family Mass at 10 a.m. All children and their families are encouraged to attend. Mass will be followed by "Family Breakfast" at the McManus Parish Center. All are welcome.




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**SOCIAL MINISTRY:** Please don't forget our Food Pantry this summer. We have an **ongoing need**, for non-perishable staples, such as cereal, rice, pasta & sauces, juices, soups, canned fish/meat, canned fruits & vegetables. Please keep this in mind when you see sales on your trips to the supermarket. Thank you for your continuing support!




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**RELIGIOUS Education** Registration for 2011 – 2012 **Religious Education Classes** for public school children, running September through June, is open. Classes are available for children entering 1<sup>st</sup> grade in September 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.




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**LECTOR NEWS**

St. Bartholomew's Parish has been blessed with a new addition to our group of Lectors. We welcome and thank Arengail Samarita for her willingness to serve our parish.




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**ALTAR SERVER NEWS**


We welcome and thank our new altar servers, Colleen Coppola and Kayla Mulvaney-Cherico for their willingness to serve our parish in this ministry.

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*Youth Group will not be meeting next Sunday because of the holiday weekend. Look for an update on our upcoming summer*

## MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



**FRIDAY, JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>**  
**1:30 – 7:30 PM**  
**MCMANUS PARISH CENTER**

St. Bartholomew's will be conducting its 69<sup>th</sup> **Blood Drive** in the 30 years since starting in 1981. St. Bart's parishioners and friends have made 5019 donations to date. Thank you to all who have participated in our past drives.

We are traditionally asked to run drives during holiday periods when the need for blood is great and the donations are usually down. Your support is just one of many things that make St. Bartholomew's Parish special. If you can donate, please call Tony Sciacca (423-3592) for an appointment. Also, please encourage your family & friends to participate.



*"We, though many, are one body."* Your sacrament is important to our church. Strengthen your marriage or Holy Orders on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter, August 12-14. Please register early. Call toll free (877) 697-9963, ext. 3 or visit [www.wmearchny.org](http://www.wmearchny.org), for more information.

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.

**Cabrini of Westchester's Development Office** is looking for a volunteer to perform computer data entry. Applicants must have basic computer skills. Students interested in completing community service hours are welcome to apply. If interested, please contact Susan Herceg at (914) 693-6800, ext. 502 or e-mail [sherceg@cabrini-eldercare.org](mailto:sherceg@cabrini-eldercare.org). Hours and days are flexible.

### 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY AT ST. PETER'S SCHOOL

St. Peter's School, Yonkers, will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a Dinner Dance on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Call (914) 963-2314 or visit [www.stpetersny.com](http://www.stpetersny.com) for details, tickets or to send contact information.

# MARK THIS DATE

**ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S PARISH CARNIVAL**

**Thursday through Sunday**  
**September 29<sup>th</sup> – October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Food, Vendors, Games**

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



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



### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

- The **budgeted** Collection for last Sunday was \$5850.00.
- The Collection for last Sunday was \$4797.00.

We thank everyone for their generosity to St. Bartholomew's Church. May God bless and reward all your sacrifices for the Parish!

**SCHOOL SUPPORT COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY, July 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Even though school has now closed, the building and grounds have to be maintained, bills continue to accumulate, and the teachers' salaries still need to be paid through the summer. As always, we depend on your generous support to meet these obligations.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ethel Thomas, Aldina Pereira, Rebecca Conroy, Alejandra Santander, Amadeu Amorim, Grace Raguso, Andy DeFabritis, Maryann Tolli, Maria Marte, Ed Carpenter, Barbara Rup, Jule Yaskovic, Rosalie Heit, Dolores Santamarena, Florence B. Swetz, Clare Yaskovic, Neil Caruso, Raymond Fitzpatrick, Sr., Deacon James Byrnes, Andrea Objay, Carmen Torres, John Esposito, Francis Farrell, Mark Baum, Frank Marra, Christine Bellino, Deacon Patrick Troy, Josephine Apuzzo, Edith Dugan, John & Gary Roth, Lena Castaldo, Joyann Allan, Anna Rita Morgante, Lois Burton, Mary DeStefano, Carmella DelBene, Ann Ceriale, Dan Seratto, Mark Cianfaglione, Shawn Colon, Margaret Maccia, Nicole Ryan Betancourt, Anthony Spinner, Audrey & Alfred Falcone, Kathleen Hayes, Paul Montalbano, Marge Muraik, Eve Gammino, and Marian DeMuro.

### THE 2012 MASS BOOK IS OPEN

The Mass Book for 2012 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, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.** to make arrangements or to inquire about the availability of a particular date.

**Our Lady of Victory Academy** will close June 30<sup>th</sup>. Library materials/books and teacher resource materials in all areas are available **FREE** for the taking. Two copiers under lease can be transferred. If interested, please call the school on (914) 693-1633.

**OPEN HOUSE:** **St. Casimir School**, 259 Nepperhan Avenue, Yonkers, (914) 965-2730, [www.scsyonkers.com](http://www.scsyonkers.com), will hold Open House from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. for Grades PreKindergarten 3 to 8, on the following dates:

Wednesday, June 29  
Tuesday, July 26

***MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST***

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Thursday, August 11

Tuesday, August 30

JUNE 26, 2011

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*Mass*  *for the*  
*Intentions* *Week*

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**Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Sunday**

**Saturday, June 25 (Vigil Mass)**

5:00 PM Virgilio Brizido +

**Sunday, June 26**

8:30 AM Rev. Anthony Bassey, MSP  
10:00 AM All the People of Our Parish  
11:30 AM George & Eleanor Tiplady +  
5:00 PM Novena

**Monday, June 27**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Novena  
9:00 AM Father Anthony's Birthday

**Tuesday, June 28**

**Saint Irenaeus, bishop & martyr**

7:00 AM Charles Bassey, Sr. +  
9:00 AM Scott Schettino +

**Wednesday, June 29**

**Saint Peter & Saint Paul, apostles**

7:00 AM Angelo Greco +  
9:00 AM Charles Sweeney +

**Thursday, June 30**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Father Donald's Anniversary

**Friday, July 1**

**Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

7:00 AM Joseph Perez +  
9:00 AM Julieann Campisi Moroch +

**Saturday, July 2**

**Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9:00 AM Joyce Farrell +

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**Saturday, July 2 (Vigil Mass)**

5:00 PM Peter DeMattia +

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**Sunday, July 3**

**Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

8:30 AM Mary Ann Karpinski +  
10:00 AM Anthony Fontanello, Sr. +  
11:30 AM All the People of Our Parish  
5:00 PM Jose Angel Ocasio +

**FEAST OF SS PETER AND PAUL,  
APOSTLES, JUNE 29**

**(POPE BENEDICT XVI TURNS 60 IN THE PRIESTHOOD)**

Saints Peter and Paul whose feast we celebrate on June 29 are great heroes of the Christian faith. They are the Princes of the Church. Apostle Peter, also known as Simon, was born in Galilee, a fisherman by profession. Jesus called him to "Come, follow Me, and I will make you fisher of people." He was poor and unlearned, but candid, eager, loving, and quick to embrace the Faith. In the New Testament Peter's name appears at least 160 times. When Jesus asked: "Who do you say that I am?" From Peter's lips came the spontaneous confession: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Our Lord chose him as the chief shepherd of His church here on earth when He said: "You are Peter and on this rock I will build My Church...I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven..." The Lord further said to Peter on three occasions: "Feed My lambs"... "Tend My sheep"... "Feed My sheep"...Peter is the writer of two apostolic letters (Epistles) in the New Testament. The Scriptures do not record his death, but it is believed that he was martyred, crucified head downward, in Rome at the command of Emperor Nero.

Apostle Paul on the other hand, was born at Tarsus in Cilicia, of a father who was a Roman citizen. He was also from Jewish descent, of a very pious family where Pharisaic traditions and observances were practiced religiously. He was well educated at the school of Gamaliel and well versed in the scriptures. As a committed and zealous Pharisee, he persecuted the Church, and was converted while on his way to Damascus to kill those who followed Christ. The Lord appeared to him in a bright light and asked: "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? ... I am the Christ Whom you are persecuting!" After his conversion, Paul worked zealously in promoting the Faith he once tried to destroy. He is known as the "Apostle of the Gentiles," and he has written 13 epistles in the New Testament more than any other apostle. He suffered imprisonments, and was finally martyred also by Nero, who ordered that he be beheaded with a sword.

As we celebrate the lives of these great Princes of the Church, we pray for the successor of Saint Peter, **Pope Benedict XVI**, who celebrates his priestly ordination 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary this Wednesday, June 29. The Pope was ordained on this day in 1951. We ask God to bless him with good health in mind and body as he strive to serve God's people that Christ has entrusted to his care.

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**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**on your graduation!**

We congratulate the boys and girls in eighth grade at St. Bartholomew's School who graduated last weekend Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. We wish them bright and fruitful years in their various High Schools, and we pray that they always carry the good memories of St. Bartholomew's and its good name with them wherever they go. They are:

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| <b>Courtney Forde Aversano</b>       | <b>Jason C. LaLima</b>          |
| <b>Khristine Joy F. Basa</b>         | <b>Sidney Leiriao</b>           |
| <b>Toni Samantha Bolt</b>            | <b>Sara Jessica Matias</b>      |
| <b>Patricia Mary Breheny</b>         | <b>Marybeth Wei McNally</b>     |
| <b>Nicholas J. Chimenti</b>          | <b>Jeraniel Mejias</b>          |
| <b>Justin E. Colon</b>               | <b>Kyle Moran</b>               |
| <b>Donald J. Foley III</b>           | <b>Kylie Donna Reardon</b>      |
| <b>Anthony Joseph Fontanello III</b> | <b>Colleen Daly Ryan</b>        |
| <b>Caitlin Marie Golebiowski</b>     | <b>Jeffrey A. Ramilo-Santos</b> |
| <b>Jennifer L. Guzman</b>            | <b>Quinn Austin Scarpelli</b>   |
| <b>Sheneeza Harri</b>                | <b>Lisa Nicole Tummolo</b>      |

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