

EUCHARIST: FOOD FOR OUR JOURNEY

Gen. 14: 18-20; Psalm 110:1-4; 1Cor. 11:23-26; Luke 11-17



Last Sunday we celebrated the mystery of God revealing Himself to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Today we celebrate the mystery of God giving Himself to us in the semblance of Bread and Wine. This is a feast, which almost seems like an appendix to the solemn liturgy of Holy Thursday and solemnizes what we believe and celebrate in every liturgy. In this feast we are commemorating the command of Christ: "...Do this in memory of me", when He gives us His

body and blood in the words the priest says at Mass: "Take this...and eat: this is my body...Take this... and drink from it: this is the cup of my blood..."

This feast, originated in the visions of St. Juliana of Mount Cornillon in the mid-13th century, was first celebrated as a local feast, but in 1264, Pope Urban IV extended it to the whole Church and it quickly spread throughout Christendom as a processional feast. It's a pity that the practice of processing with the Eucharist has gradually faded away in many of the dioceses around the world in recent times.

In today's feast in which we relive the first Sacred Supper, with a public and solemn act, we glorify and adore the bread and the wine, which becomes the true Body and true Blood of the Redeemer. In his homily on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ in 2002, Pope John Paul II said: "Today we are celebrating a solemn feast that expresses the awesome wonder of the People of God: a wonder filled with gratitude for the gift of the Eucharist. In the Sacrament of the Altar, Jesus wanted to perpetuate His living presence in our midst in the same form in which He gave Himself to the Apostles in the Upper Room. He left to us what He did at the Last Supper and we faithfully renew His action." Indeed, we are the Pilgrim People of God (the Church), for whom the Eucharist (Body and Blood of Christ) is a *viaticum*, as the manna was for the Israelites. In the Eucharist, Christ, through the eternal Spirit, offered Himself unblemished to God, in order to cleanse our conscience from sinful works, so that we may truly worship the living God.

We are on a journey through life - a journey filled with desires, anxieties, temptations, hardships, stresses, disappointments, discouragements and difficulties. We are on a journey surrounded by the devil and his deceits. We need faith, hope, vision and most of all we need both spiritual and physical strength for the journey. We will find all this when we have the true *Food for the journey (Viaticum)*, Holy Communion. We need to feed our spirits with spiritual food as we feed our bodies with regular food; thus, we come to Mass to be fed. You and I need the Eucharist (Holy Communion) for our journey through life. Thus, the Lord says to us: "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. As Vatican II Council says: "In the Eucharist, is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ, our Pasch, and the living bread which gives life to all peoples through His flesh..."

Like the other Sacraments, the Eucharist is not just a Sunday event: everything we are and do as Catholics is rooted in the Eucharist, as all the Sacraments accompany us all the days of our lives. Indeed, it is "the bread of angels, sent for pilgrims (you and me) in their banishment. It is the bread meant for God's true children..."

Rev. Anthony Ita Bassey, MSP

PARISH NEWS



SHARING COMMUNITY MEAL: This Thursday, June 6th, we will be providing 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.

HOLY HOUR: This Friday, June 7th, is First Friday. We will have our monthly Holy Hour at 1 p.m. in honor of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. You and your family are invited to come and adore our Lord in the Eucharist.



The Rosary Altar Society will hold their end of year meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the school this Monday, June 3rd. All women of the parish are invited. Their annual dinner outing will take place this Tuesday, June 4th, at *J.C. Fogarty's Restaurant*.

ALTAR FLOWERS for this week have been donated for the intentions of the Brusco Family by Louis & Angela Brusco.



The **ALTAR BREAD & WINE, ALTAR CANDLES** and **SANCTUARY LAMP** for the week have been donated for the intentions of the Brusco Family by Louis & Angela Brusco.

CHILDREN'S MASS

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



Have you returned your Raffle stubs for our Annual Parish Raffle? The winning ticket for our latest fundraising effort will be drawn at this year's **Parish Picnic on Sunday, June 23rd**. One lucky participant will take home half of the proceeds, a cash prize that is still growing - just in time to kick off summer!

Raffle Books and donations can be placed in an envelope marked **Raffle** and dropped off, or mailed to the Rectory Office this week. **Please make all checks payable to St. Bartholomew's Church.** Raffle Tickets are \$2 each or a book of six tickets costs \$10.

Please help make this fundraising effort a success. Good luck and God bless!

MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

UPDATE ON THE 2013 CARDINAL APPEAL

Good News – Our parish has pledged about 35% over our goal for this year's Cardinal Appeal. So far, we have received **\$68,821** in pledges/gifts from 197 families, far exceeding our \$51,000 parish goal for this year. I reserve a very big **"Thank You"** to all who have contributed and continue to contribute to this worthy cause. The Appeal is a vital source of funding for the programs and ministries that sustain the parishes across the Archdiocese. It is not too late to participate in this annual initiative. Thank you, again, to all who have so generously responded to this call. Please, if you have not yet done so, consider participating in this year's Appeal.



"You proclaim the death of the Lord until He comes ..." Marriage and Holy Orders are meant to reflect the Eucharistic love of Christ for His Church. Come and spiritually "polish" your marriage/holy orders to be a better reflection of Christ's love on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is August 9 – 11. For more information go to: www.wwme.org or call toll free: (877) 697-9963, ext. 3.

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.

CALLING ALL SENIORS! CALLING ALL SENIORS!

Join fellow seniors for a Mass and Gathering
Thursday, June 6th

9 a.m. Mass with a Special Blessing followed by light refreshments and gathering at the McManus Parish Center

ADOPTION OPPORTUNITY: Baby girls in China need homes. Infants and toddlers are available. Older parents and single women are welcomed. For more information call Barbara Salvesen on (845) 623-5277.

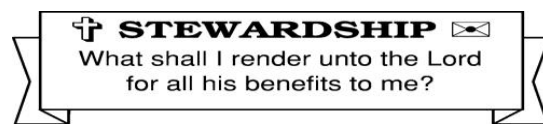


The first Sunday evening of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass, our Youth Group meets in the McManus Parish Center. All youths age 13 and up are invited.

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.

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

May 27, 2012

Adults' Contribution	\$6378.65
Children's Contribution	\$82.05
Last Year's Total	\$6460.70

May 26, 2013

Adults' Contribution	\$4380.15
Children's Contribution	\$75.45
This Year's Total	\$4455.60

"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, 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, Stan Buoninfante, Donna Vasconez, Nicole Pisani-Frame, Louis Petrulo, Cynthia Swiatkiewicz, Jimmy Maimone, Robert Mirsky, Roseanne Mercandetti, Louis Brusco, Josephine Daniele, Jennifer Dorsey, Valerie Riccardi, Fatima Panik, Joanne Moscarello, 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, and Neil Cawley.

THE 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.

JUNE 2, 2013

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ Sunday

Saturday, June 1 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Frank & Carmela Legio +

Sunday, June 2

8:30 AM Carl Laredo & Robert Liddell +

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM Maria Loreta Lucchetti +

5:00 PM Julia Tan +

Monday, June 3

Saint Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs

7:00 AM Anne Marie & Francis Byrnes & Grandchildren +

9:00 AM Lena Castaldo +

Tuesday, June 4

Weekday

7:00 AM William & Eva Blasko +

9:00 AM Antonio Marchetti +

Wednesday, June 5

Saint Boniface, Bishop & Martyr

7:00 AM Charlene Basse (living)

9:00 AM Elizabeth Liptak +

Thursday, June 6

Weekday

7:00 AM Helen & Pete Pietrowski +

9:00 AM Intentions of Brusco Family (living)

Friday, June 7

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

7:00 AM In Honor of Sacred Heart of Jesus

9:00 AM Corazon & Benjamin Sotto +

Saturday, June 8

Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 AM Rita Bolduc +

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, June 8 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Christine Serricchio Bellino +

Sunday, June 9

8:30 AM Deceased Members of Zucconi Family

10:00 AM George & Eleanor Tiplady +

11:30 AM Anna Giuriceo +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

JUNE 2, 2013

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY!

**We
Love
To
Serve
You!**



Our warmest welcome to all our visitors and parishioners! 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.

If you have not registered or need to correct some of the information in our file, please fill out this form, check (X) the appropriate box below, 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.

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FATHER'S DAY CARDS AND NOVENA

Sunday, June 16th, is Father's Day. We will have a 9 day Novena of Masses for all our fathers - living and deceased. The Novena of Masses will begin on Sunday, June 16th and will end on Monday, June 24th. There are cards and/or envelopes at the back of the church. If you want your father, father-in-law or any other father remembered in the Novena of Masses, please fill out the envelope and place it in the collection basket or bring it to the Rectory Office during the week. Remember, on Father's Day we will invoke a special blessing on all the fathers during the Masses that weekend.



