

**LORD, THAT I MAY SEE...!**

*1Sam. 16:1, 6-7,10-13; Ps. 23:1-1-6; Eph. 5:8-14; John 9-41*

Since the tragedy of 9/11, we are constantly reminded of the need to be aware of who and what is around us. At airports and most public places signs are posted saying: **"If You See Something, Say Something!"** Sadly, it has to take a sign to make us be aware of our environment. Many of us have been *blind* to what is happening around us. We have been blind to Jesus' love for you and me – *blind* to the needs of the poor and the underprivileged around us – *blind* to the responsibilities we have toward those entrusted to our care – *blind* to the duties we have to perform.

Last Sunday we were told of the importance of water in our daily life. Today, the importance and the necessity of light are revealed to us. Christ is the light of the world (John 8:12). It is this Light that lights our way and liberates us from darkness and sin. By Baptism, we become brothers and sisters of Christ, Who illuminates the path for us by bringing us to the revelation of God. By Baptism, we receive the light of Christ and become sons and daughters of God. Through Christ we walk in the freedom and in the light of God. The light of our faith lights our path!

In today's first reading, we see Samuel anointing young David as the future king of Israel; while in the gospel, we see Christ giving sight back to the blind man. When you and I were baptized, the priests anointed our foreheads with the sacred Oil of Chrism and said, "...*(God) now anoints you with the Chrism of salvation. As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet and King, so may you live always as members of His Body, sharing everlasting life.*" At baptism we also received the light of Christ, which we ought to keep burning all through our lives. The light will be the symbol of Christ, Who gives us sight, life, and Who lights out path to eternal life. Like Christ and David, at baptism you and I were anointed priests, prophets and kings. Therefore, at baptism, Christ liberated us from darkness and opened the eyes of our faith to see ourselves as adopted children of God. He invites you and me to walk always in the light of God.

In the second reading, Apostle Paul reminds us, "Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth." Obviously, before our baptism and confirmation, we were in the dark without knowing where we were heading, the tempter faulted us often and made us slaves to sin. Fortunately, at baptism, Christ delivered us, shone His light upon us and brought us healing. Thus, now we see everything in the light of Christ, and must talk and act like children of the light in all that we say and do.

Christ has come into this world so that the works of God might be made visible through us (John 9:3). Christ has come so that He might lead you and me from slavery to freedom – darkness to light – dominion of Satan to the Kingdom of God. He leads us from death to life! Therefore, like the blind man in the gospel, you and I must come to Jesus with our spiritual, emotional and physical blindness. He is always ready to heal us and to bring us to the light of God. With a genuine faith, we must bring all our worries and anxieties to Jesus and ask Him to shine His light upon us today and always – to open our eyes and *make us be aware of who and what is around us*, so that together we can affirm: "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."

**Rev. Anthony Ita Bassey, MSP**

**PARISH NEWS**



**Congratulations** to our newest Christians, **Luke Joseph Doty**, who was baptized on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. We thank his parents and sponsors for presenting him for baptism, and we pray God to bless and keep this child and his parents in their journey of faith.

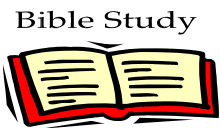
The **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY** meeting will be held this Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center. All women of the Parish are invited.



**CHILDREN'S MASS:** Please make it a point to bring your child to our Children's Mass the next two Sundays in April. The 10 a.m. Mass will focus on our children. The Parish Children's Choir will sing the Mass. The children are encouraged to sit with other children at a designated place during the Mass.



Join Father Anthony and your fellow parishioners in discovering more about the Bible this Friday and every Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the School. Bring a friend! Come and have fun exploring both the Old and New Testaments.



**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.

**St. Bartholomew's Religious Education Program for public school children is accepting registration applications for the 2011/2012 school year. For information, please contact Cheryl Duda at the Religious Education Office (914) 476-6676.**



The **SANCTUARY LAMP** for this week will be lit in loving memory of Michael Ferraro.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Every Friday evening during Lent, the devotion of the Stations of the Cross is held in the Church at 7 p.m. Families are encouraged to participate together. We will also have the Stations of the Cross at 2 p.m. on Good Friday, just prior to the 3 p.m. Good Friday Service.



**Differences are not intended to separate, to alienate. We are different precisely in order to realize our need of one another.**

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

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



“Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.” Find out what God’s desire is for your marriage on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter, April 9-10 (1 night weekend). For more information, 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.

Couples celebrating their **50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary** anytime during 2011 are invited to attend the **Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass** with Archbishop Dolan at St. Patrick Cathedral, **Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**, at 2 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Please contact our Rectory Office for more information. The deadline for registrations for the Mass is Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. This event is sponsored by the Family Life/Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

**SHARING COMMUNITY MEAL:** This Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 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.



**CHRISM MASS:** Mass of Chrism will be celebrated this year on **Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**, at 4 p.m. in St. Patrick’s Cathedral. Every parishioner is encouraged to attend this beautiful ceremony, where we celebrate with the Archbishop of our Archdiocese and witness our priests renew their vow to serve God’s people with the humility of a good shepherd. **Please come support our own parish priests.** A bus from our parking lot directly to St. Patrick’s Cathedral will be available at cost. Please call the Rectory @ 914-965-0566, Monday to Friday to reserve a seat.

**ARCHBISHOP STEPINAC DRAMA CLUB** will sponsor an Outdoor Boutique on **Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**, on the school’s front lawn at 950 Mamaroneck Avenue in White Plains from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sales will feature crafts, new merchandise, and a “white elephant” table. All are welcome. All proceeds benefit the school’s theatre program.

**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



### LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS

- The **budgeted** Collection for last Sunday was **\$6000.00.**
- The **actual** Collection for last Sunday was **\$6085.50**

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

The **Catholic Relief Services Collection** helps and strives to protect families. It funds six Catholic agencies that protect children. Please see the flyer in today’s bulletin for more information. We will have a second collection to support *Catholic Relief Services* next weekend. Please be generous.

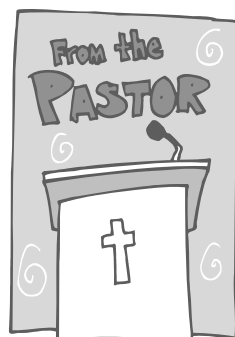


Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ethel Thomas, Aldina Pereira, Rebecca Conroy, Alejandra Santander, Amadeu Amorim, Grace Raguso, Andy DeFabritis, Maryann Tolli, Maria Marte, Julieann Moroch, Ed Carpenter, Barbara Rup, Jule Yaskovic, Rosalie Heit, Dolores Santamora, 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, Carmela Massaroni, Lois Burton, Mary DeStefano, Carmella DelBene, Ann Ceriale, Dan Seratto, Mark Cianfaglione, Shawn Colon, Margaret Maccia, and Nicole Ryan Betancourt.



Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Bishop Patrick J. Ahearn and Bonaventuro J. Amato.

### OUR 2011 EASTER WISH-LIST



As you may have noticed, some of the items published last week on “Our Wish List” have already been paid for. But we still have few items listed below to be taken.

Thank you for always responding whenever I call upon you to step forward and assist our parish in any way possible.

In the spirit of Lent and in anticipation of a joyous Easter feast, I am once again inviting you, our parish families or individuals, who can afford to assist the parish in purchasing the following liturgical items needed for the Holy Week and Easter ceremonies and the new Liturgical Year beginning this Advent:

1. 5 bundles of Palms for Palm Sunday @ \$60 each.
2. 10 packets of the New Roman Missal cards @ \$20 each.

Please, note that any of the above items can be donated in memory of your loved ones; and will be so noted in the Easter Bulletin.

*APRIL 3, 2011*

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

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**Third Sunday of Lent**

Saturday, April 2 (Vigil Mass)

5:00 PM Lucy & Carl Rossi +

Sunday, April 3

8:30 AM Elizabeth & Carl Laredo +

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM John Bryce +

5:00 PM Raymond Shannon, Jr. +

Monday, April 4

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM Safe Journey for Ronald Garan, Jr. & Crew

9:00 AM Raymond Shannon, Jr. +

Tuesday, April 5

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM Hannah & Michael Cashin +

9:00 AM Rev. Anthony DellaVilla & Rev. Lamont Hamilton +

Wednesday, April 6

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM Rev. William B. Duggan +

9:00 AM Carmela Pisacreta +

Thursday, April 7

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Alphonse Miele +

Friday, April 8

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM Charles Cakery +

9:00 AM Ann Frischman & Ceil Mahoney +

Saturday, April 9

**Lenten Weekday**

9:00 AM Clem & Larry D'Arienzo +

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Saturday, April 2 (Vigil Mass)

5:00 PM Anthony Giuriceo +

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Sunday, April 10

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

8:30 AM Peter & Josephine Pisacreta +

10:00 AM Mary & Ben Bajek +

11:30 AM Frank & Carmela Legio +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

APRIL 3, 2011

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 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 (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.

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**LENTEN PRAYER**

Almighty and Everlasting God,  
You have given the human race  
Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of humility.  
He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man  
And giving His life on the Cross.  
Help us to bear witness to You  
By following His example of suffering  
And make us worthy to share in His Resurrection.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son.  
Amen.

~ From [www.catholic.org/prayers](http://www.catholic.org/prayers)