

LOVE OF A TRIUNE GOD

Proverbs 8:22-31; Ps. 8:4-9; Rom. 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

St. Augustine in one of his writings said, "The Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God; the Father is not the Son, the Son is not the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit is not the Father; there is only one God." Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. This is one of the feasts in the Church, which, as a doctrine, we look beyond the scriptures in order to be able to come to a better understanding of the teaching behind the doctrine.

Christian fundamentalists rely very much on sola scriptura, where they claim that it is Scripture alone that has the revealed truth about God. On the contrary, our Catholic belief teaches that revelation comes to us not only through the Scripture, but also through Tradition and the Magisterium (the infallible teachings of the Church). Thus, in today's Gospel Jesus says: "I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you to bear now...when the Spirit of truth comes He will lead you to the complete truth" (John 16:12). Last Sunday we celebrated the descent of the Holy Spirit and the advent of the Church. The Holy Spirit is God's self-gift to us - Christ's Church here on earth. Filled with the Holy Spirit the Apostles began to understand most of the things Jesus taught them. Filled with the same Holy Spirit, which was promised by Jesus, the Church teaches the revealed truths, one, of which we celebrate today: The Most Holy Trinity. God is three, and God is One! It is important to know that the term, Trinity was first used by a second century Christian philosopher, Tertullian, as he was trying to express in words the faith of the early Church about Christ.

Our continuous reflection on the Trinity, will lead us to understand that it is more than a celebration of a doctrine. Here, we are encountering the mystery of all mysteries, the mystery that underlines our faith and our entire spiritual lives. Most Holy Trinity is a feast that challenges us to consider Who God truly is and the role He plays in our daily lives. The feast provides us an opportunity to reflect on the unity and the indivisibility that exist in God. In celebrating the Holy Trinity we are exhorted to ponder on how the doctrine impacts upon our lives as Christians.

In the beginning of the Book of Genesis, we learned that God used His word to create the heavens and the earth, and everything in it; and after He saw that all was good He said: "Let us make man in Our image..." The adjective, 'our' is imperative in understanding the role the "Trinity" plays in the work of creation. In the beginning of St. John's Gospel we read the account of the Trinity at work: "In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God and the Word was God...All things came to be through Him, and without Him nothing came to be..." God the Father therefore, is the Creator - with His word He created all that is in the heavens and on earth.

John further tells us that: "The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us." In the Mystery of the Incarnation, the 'Word of God', took on human form and became one like us in Jesus Christ. By His Word (God the Son), the Father has redeemed the world. In John 15:26 Jesus says: "When Paraclete comes, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father...and whom I myself will send from the Father..." Thus, the mystery of the creative action of the Son (Word) and the Spirit is revealed to us as inseparable with that of the Father. Consequently, we can boldly profess that: "There exists but one God...He is the Father, God, the Creator, the author, the giver of order. He made all things by Himself; redeems all things by His Word and sanctifies all things by His Spirit. This is so because as St. Paul says, "the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us."

Rev. Anthony Ita Bassey, MSP

PARISH NEWS



This Monday, May 27th, is a legal holiday. The Rectory Office will be closed. There will be only one Mass at 9 a.m.

HOLY HOUR: This Saturday, June 1st, the Divine Mercy Holy Hour will begin at 3 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this wonderful devotion.



The ALTAR FLOWERS have been donated in loving memory of the following deceased veterans: Bruce Beck, Fiore Brusco, John Brusco, Victor D'Angelo, Carmine Davi, Daniel DeRosa, Vito DeSantis, Anthony DiPaolo, John DiRodio, Anthony Giuriceo, Robert J. Howley, Sr., David Jacob, Joseph Laudadio, Margaret Liddell, Robert Liddell, Martin Magzag, Carmine Manno, Andrew T. McCormack, Gabriel Nanoia, Anthony Pelliccio, Jr., John Raffa, Jr., Francis Romano, Orlando Romano, Edward Smith, Harold Smith, and Robert Smith.



The ALTAR BREAD & WINE, ALTAR CANDLES and SANCTUARY LAMP for this week have been donated in loving memory of Anthony P. Fisher, Sr. by Paula Giandomenico.

Registrations are now being accepted for the 2013/2014 Religious Education program beginning in September. Classes are available for children in First Grade through High School, who wish to prepare for Baptism, First Communion and/or Confirmation. Please call Cheryl Duda (476-6676) to schedule a registration appointment if your child is new to the program. Children currently enrolled are reminded to return their re-registration forms this week.



FAMILY MASS: A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AND SHARE WITH OTHER FAMILIES:

Next Sunday, June 2nd, we will celebrate Family Mass at 10 a.m. After the Mass, we will gather, with the new Communicants and Confirmed for our Annual Communion Breakfast in the McManus Parish Center.



The Family Mass provides an opportunity for you to get to know other families and members of the parish. Therefore, endeavor to join us every first Sunday of the month. All are welcome!

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.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY: Join your fellow parishioners in praying the Rosary after the 9 a.m. Mass on weekdays and Saturdays.

MOST HOLY TRINITY



This is to officially inform all my beloved parishioners that I have been transferred by my Superiors to a parish in the Archdiocese of Chicago effective July 1, 2013. I sincerely apologize for having to let you read the news first in the Catholic NY rather than hearing it from me. This was due to some bureaucratic mishap and miscommunication on

the part of the administrators. I am heartily sorry for the embarrassment this might have caused you.

My last day here at St. Bartholomew's is June 30, 2013. Additional information will be communicated to you in the coming weeks. Thank you very much for your patience and understanding.



Congratulations to our **Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist and Lectors** who were re-commissioned on this past Pentecost Sunday. We thank God for their commitment to serving our community!

PARISH-WIDE BINGO NIGHT – THIS FRIDAY, MAY 31ST
Doors & Kitchen Open at 6 p.m. – Games begin at 6:30 p.m.

Come support our Religious Education Program, have fun, and test your luck at winning prizes. Suggested minimum donation is \$5 per person, which includes all games. Hot dogs, ice cream & drinks available for purchase. **All are welcome - children through seniors.**

For reservations call Cheryl Duda on 476-6676.

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 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, for Father's Day we will invoke a special blessing on all the fathers during the Masses that weekend.

GREAT GIFT FOR
Father's Day



This Friday, May 31st, is the cutoff for reservations to join the Rosary Altar Society dinner outing on Tuesday, June 4th, at J.C. Fogarty's, 60 Kraft Avenue, Bronxville. For more information and reservations, please call Dolores (969-3388) or Josephine (476-5386).

The Rosary Altar Society also wishes to thank all who participated in their Bake/Plant Sale, either by baking or buying. This fundraiser was a success! Again, thank you!

Our **Parish Youth Group** will meet next Sunday, June 2nd, in the Msgr. McManus Parish Center immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass. All youths age 13 and up are invited.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

May 20, 2012	
Adults' Contribution	\$6023.45
Children's Contribution	\$69.15
Last Year's Total	\$6092.60

May 19, 2013	
Adults' Contribution	\$8277.70
Children's Contribution	\$84.55
This Year's Total	\$8362.30

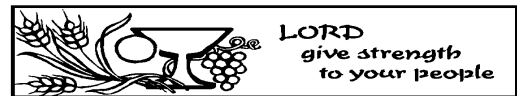
There will be a second collection at all the Masses next weekend to help defray the costs of maintaining our buildings and grounds. Please be as generous as your means allows.

"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 Swiatkowitz, 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.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Gene DelBene. *Rest in Peace*

Have you returned your Raffle stubs for our Annual Parish Raffle? Additional Chances and Chance Books are available on the bulletin boards at the church entrances, as well as at the Rectory Office during the week. The drawing for a cash prize will take place at the Picnic on Sunday, June 23rd. Good Luck!

MAY 26, 2013

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Most Holy Trinity Sunday

Saturday, May 25 (Anticipated Mass)

05:00 PM Christine Serricchio Bellino +

Sunday, May 26

8:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish
10:00 AM Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary
11:30 AM Deceased Members of Terrusa & Legio Families
5:00 PM Anthony P. Fisher, Sr. +

Monday, May 27

Weekday - Memorial Day

9:00 AM Lucille Carbillano +

Tuesday, May 28

Weekday

7:00 AM Anne Marie & Francis Byrnes & Grandchildren +
9:00 AM Frances Campana +

Wednesday, May 29

Weekday

7:00 AM In Honor of Holy Trinity & Holy Family
9:00 AM Nicolina Luciano +

Thursday, May 30

Weekday

7:00 AM Anne Marie & Francis Byrnes & Grandchildren +
9:00 AM Virgilio Brizido +

Friday, May 31

Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM In Honor of Holy Trinity & Holy Family
9:00 AM Carol Swetz +

Saturday, June 1

Saint Justin, Martyr

9:00 AM Alice Tirado +

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 +

MARRIAGE IS A COVENANT OF LOVE



Two weeks ago we promised to continue our examination of the Sacrament of Marriage and what more appropriate time to do that than Trinity Sunday. In Genesis we are told that humanity is made in the image and likeness of God. The covenant of unity between man and woman is so intimate that the two are to become one. Much like the Trinity though they

become one they remain distinct each with their own personality and obligations towards the covenant they have entered. Certainly we must see this as an analogy, though less mysterious, for the Trinity. The unity of God is not threatened by the reality of the diversity of the personhood of Father, Son and Spirit. At different times the world exhibits the creative, redemptive, and consoling aspects of the divinity. This is especially true in sacramental marriage.

We have discussed the aspects of permanency and exclusivity previously. Today we will look at marriage from the visage of a moral union. Every couple must take seriously the unity called for in Genesis. This is especially true in terms of their manner of life. For example, why would a couple have a separate bank account? Everything that is earned by either party should be for the good of the whole. It is not his couch or her television. If we are holding back on a financial aspect what else might we be holding back? It is often said marriage is a fifty-fifty proposition. Nonsense! It is a 100-100 covenant. The truth is at times because of a setback such as a death in the family or loss of employment or sickness one party might have to carry the whole load but at another time roles may be reversed. The term "moral" requires us to realize that the principal obligation we have towards our special love is to get them into heaven. In a practical way that means that all major decisions are to be shared. We cannot quit a job which bores us without sitting down and discussing what that might mean for the future. Issues such as the spacing of children, natural family planning, moving etc. are not to be the domain of one partner or another. That would make the covenant we have entered into a sham.

It is irrational to expect that the decision making process above will always go smoothly. Each of us has had different experiences growing up, cultures vary in their customs, education opportunities are different, and the marriages we have grown up in influence us in various ways. Therefore our opinions will be different and sometimes diametrically opposed. So the final aspect we must recognize in our covenant relationship of marriage is human. None of us possess infallibility therefore we at times must admit that our partner might have wisdom in their stand and vice versa. Arguments will arise in the best of families and attitudes which are not helpful will rear their heads. We must exercise patience with ourselves and our spouse. Attempt calm discussion. LISTEN!!! Don't just wait for them to stop so you can present your next point. We cannot afford the luxury of the silent approach or the walkout which always makes reconciliation more difficult. Speaking of which, it is always important to say you are sorry and to freely grant forgiveness. But don't say it prematurely if you don't mean it. But a married couple can always mean it. For before they go to sleep, they should always express sorrow that an issue has caused the love that is more basic to be put on the back burner. There are too many trials and tribulations in life for a couple to be estranged. There are too many couples who have given up too soon on their marriages.

Finally, to truly enjoy life together and the children your love brings forth, pray each day for your family and for each other. Recognize that the Eucharist is there to nourish your union. Realize the holiness of the Church shines through your relationship. You give humanity hope for you have said life is so good I want to share it. May you go with Mary to the Lord Who wants to give you the finest wine on earth and in heaven.

