

THE TRUE ONENESS!

(Deut. 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps. 33:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22; Rom. 8:14-17; Matt. 28:16-20)

This Sunday is the 9th Sunday in Ordinary Time of the Church's Liturgical Calendar, but being the Sunday immediately following the feast of Pentecost, we celebrate the Solemnity of the **Most Holy Trinity**. After Jesus had risen from the dead, He ordered His disciples to meet Him in Galilee, where He instructed them: "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them **in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit...**" In the Trinity, we celebrate the last revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ before His ascension into Heaven - that the Father is God, and the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God.

This is one of the feasts in the Church, which, as a doctrine, we also look beyond the Scriptures in order to be able to come to a better understanding of the teaching behind the doctrine. Every Catholic is baptized, not in their names, but in the name of the Most Holy Trinity (the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit). Presumably, as a little child, the first thing your parents taught you about the Faith was how to make the "Sign of the Cross." When you enter the Church, you often bless yourself with holy water by making the sign of the cross. When you begin any prayer, you start by making the sign of the cross - blessing yourself in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Have you ever stopped to ponder why you bless yourself with the sign of the cross? In the Book of Deuteronomy 6:4, God revealed Himself as only one God. This one God, through Christ, further revealed Himself as Three Persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

In the Trinity, the entire Church - you and I celebrate the relationship that exists in the God Who creates all things by His power, Who redeems all things by His Word, and Who sanctifies all things by His breath. He is the Triune God that we see in Luke 3: 21-22, when God, the Son, emerges from the water after Baptism, the voice of God, the Father, speaks from heaven, and a dove, God the Holy Spirit, alights on Him. The Feast of the Most Holy Trinity invites you and me to contemplate the unity and the indivisibility that exists in the One true God. The bond that exists in Father-Son-Holy Spirit encourages unity between all God's children. It challenges the family - father-mother-child - to always bind together and try their best to preserve the unity in family. As St. John tells us, "God is love," therefore, we must love one another. There cannot be unity without mutual love. In short, in the Trinity, we are celebrating the "Feast of Love."

The Church exhorts, "The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in Himself. It is therefore the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them. It is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the hierarchy of the truths of faith. The whole history of salvation is identical with the way and the means by which the one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, reveals Himself to men, and reconciles and unites with Himself those who turn away from sin" (CCC #234) The Church further exhorts, "The Trinity is a mystery of faith in the strict sense, one of the mysteries that are hidden in God, which can never be known unless they are revealed by God"(CCC #237). God has therefore, revealed Himself to us as the Father, the creator of the universe and all that is in it (Genesis 1& 2). He is the Son, Who redeems the human race - "For God so loved the world He gave His only Son...through Him the world might be saved (John 3:16-18; 12:47). He is the Holy Spirit Who sanctifies and enlightens all His creatures - "The Helper, the Holy Spirit Whom the Father will send in My name, will teach all things and remind you of all that I have told you...He will lead you to the complete truth" (Jn. 14:26; 16:12).

Rev. Anthony Ita Russo, MCD


PARISH NEWS


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.

1ST ANNUAL PARISH RAFFLE

Have you returned your Raffle stubs for our first Annual Parish Raffle? The winning tickets for our latest fundraising effort will be drawn at this year's **Parish Picnic, next Sunday, June 10th**. Three lucky participants will take home cash prizes of **\$2,000, \$1,000, or \$500** - 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!

The Annual Parish Picnic sponsored by the Holy Name Society is scheduled for next Sunday, June 10th, at St. Joseph's Seminary from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Please plan on attending this great family day.



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.



GREAT GIFT FOR

Father's Day

FATHER'S DAY CARDS AND NOVENA: Sunday, June 17th, 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 17th. 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.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Today we celebrate the Most Holy Trinity. God is the third person in your marriage. Learn how to have the marriage God desires for you. Attend the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter August 10 – 12. 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.



SHARING COMMUNITY MEAL: This Thursday, June 7th, 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.

SOCIAL MINISTRY: Please don’t forget our Food Pantry, we have an ongoing need, for non-perishable staples, especially rice, juices, canned fruits & condiments. Please keep this in mind when you see sales on your trips to the supermarket. Thank you for your continuing support!



Catholic Charities: Feeding the Hungry. Thanks to the Collaboration of local Catholic parishes, schools and institutions, the January Archdiocesan food drive, Feeding Our Neighbors, helped provide 575,000 meals to hungry New Yorkers throughout the ten counties of the Archdiocese. Grants and food will be provided to 40 parish and community food pantries throughout the Archdiocese. Visit the Catholic Charities website to see a list of the grantees, and a full list of Catholic food pantries in the New York Archdiocese. Learn more: www.catholiccharitiesny.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits to me?

Tithing - God's Plan for Giving

May 29, 2011

Table with 2 columns: Contribution Type and Amount. Rows: Adults' Contribution (\$4839.30), Children's Contribution (\$80.50), Last Year's Total (\$4919.80)

May 27, 2012

Table with 2 columns: Contribution Type and Amount. Rows: Adults' Contribution (\$6378.65), Children's Contribution (\$82.05), This Year's Total (\$6460.70)

"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."

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.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ethel Thomas, Aldina Pereira, Rebecca Conroy, Alejandra Santander, Andy DeFabritis, Maryann Tolli, Maria Marte, Ed Carpenter, Barbara Rup, Jule Yaskovic, Rosalie Heit, Florence B. Swetz, Clare Yaskovic, Neil Caruso, Raymond Fitzpatrick, Sr., Deacon James Byrnes, Andrea Objay, Carmen Torres, John Esposito, Mark Baum, Frank Marra, Deacon Patrick Troy, Josephine Apuzzo, Edith Dugan, Gary Roth, Joyann Allan, Anna Rita Morgante, Lois Burton, Mary DeStefano, Dan Seratto, Mark Cianfaglione, Shawn Colon, Margaret Maccia, Nicole Ryan Betancourt, Anthony Spinner, Audrey & Alfred Falcone, Kathleen Hayes, Marge Muraik, Stan Buoninfante, Donna Vasconez, Mary Ann Berengur, Gene DelBene, Angelina Brusco, Mary Romanchik, Nicole Pisani-Frame, Louis Petrulo, Cynthia Swiatkowitz, Rose Botcheller, Silvia Georgi, Jimmy Maimone, Robert Mirsky, Steve Oddo, Roseann Mercandetti, Paul Bolduc, Amelia Gagliardi, Louis Brusco, Josephine Daniele, Jennifer Dorsey and Valerie Riccardi.



Congratulations to the 8 of our parishioners who were commissioned as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion here at St. Bartholomew's Church last Sunday, May 27th.

- Manuel Alonso, Carolyn Mesler, Martha Cecaitis, Sinh Nguyen, Bernadette Novak, Paul Mercandetti, Anthony Martinelli, Cheryl Russo

We also wish to congratulate all those serving in the various ministries of our church who were re-commissioned at the Masses last weekend. We thank God for their commitment to serving our community!

JUNE 3, 2012

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Most Holy Trinity Sunday

Saturday, June 2 (Vigil Mass)

Easter Weekday

5:00 PM Marion De Muro +

Sunday, June 3

8:30 AM Caroline & Peter Klee +

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM Carole Ferraro +

5:00 PM Helen Carlise +

Monday, June 4

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Joanne Moscarello (living)

Tuesday, June 5

Saint Boniface, Bishop & Martyr

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Corazon & Benjamin Sotto +

Wednesday, June 6

Weekday

7:00 AM Helen & Pete Pietrowski +

9:00 AM Intentions of the Brusco Family

Thursday, June 7

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Mass of Thanksgiving

Friday, June 8

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM William & Eva Blasko +

Saturday, June 9

Weekday

9:00 AM Stephen Hickey +

Saturday, June 9 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Marcello Barcello +

Sunday, June 10

Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ Sunday

(Corpus Christi)

8:30 AM Deceased Members of Zucconi Family +

10:00 AM Deceased Members of Lucchetti & Capuano Families

11:30 AM Anna Giuriceo +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

JUNE 3, 2012

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY!

**We
Love
To
Serve
You!**



Our warmest welcome to 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.

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 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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**SUNNY DAYS@HOLY NAME OF JESUS SCHOOL
SUMMER CAMP**

A Summer Camp Committee consisting of various Holy Name of Jesus School staff members and parents are preparing a program that will include:

- Academic Enrichment in Math & Reading - Computers
- Physical Activities, including Sports & Martial Arts - Music
- Arts & Crafts – Theme Days
- Trips to Kensico Dam Plaza – Water Activities

For information, call (914) 948-1744 or visit www.hnjschool.net.

