

**UNITY IN THE FAMILY**

*Acts 7:55-60; Ps. 96: 1-2, 6-7, 9; Rev. 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; John 17:20-26*

Today is the seventh Sunday of Easter, and being the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in May we celebrate **Mother's Day** – a day set aside for us to honor all our mothers for the vital role they play in the homes - church - society. Happy Mother's Day to my biological mother - to all the mothers of our parish - to all the mothers who have touched my life in one way or another! In last Sunday's gospel Jesus spoke to us about the bond that exists between the Father and Him and those who love Him and keep His commandment: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him...we will come...make our dwelling with him." He further reminded us of the fruit of our love for Him - "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." In today's gospel, Jesus talks about another fruit of love - unity: "Holy Father, I pray...for them...so that they may all be one..." As we think of the mothers today, we pray in thanksgiving to God for those mothers, who, like Stephen, love God and keep His commandments even in the midst of trials and difficulties.

You and I were born into a family where our parents, especially mothers, are very important and play an essential role in the family. It's always the image of our parents that keeps us together as a family. When we grow to be adults we love to come home and see our parents. We organize events that will bring us together with our parents and the entire family. The presence of parents, especially mothers, is always a source of unity in the family. After our parents have passed on, we often remember them at family reunions – we bring flowers, palms, candles, and we pray at their graves on such occasions as Thanksgiving, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Palm Sunday, Easter, etc. We often reminisce those good old days when our parents were alive with us. It can be very nostalgic! Thus, on this Mothers' Day we pray for those mothers who have worked hard to establish enduring peace in their homes and communities.

Forty days after the resurrection of our Lord Jesus from the dead, this past Thursday, we celebrated the solemnity of His Ascension to Heaven. Just as the image of a parent keeps the children together in the family, the image of Christ keeps all Christians together in the *family of God's children*. After Jesus' Ascension, we await the coming of the Holy Spirit next Sunday at Pentecost (fifty days after Easter). The Holy Spirit will inform us of all that we need to know. Thus, on Ascension Thursday Jesus said: "You are witnesses of these things. And behold I am sending the promise of my Father upon you...clothed with power from on high." It is this "power from on high" that will bind us together as a church – community of faith, members of the one family of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. It is this Spirit that binds mothers together with their family so that the world may know they are Christians by the love they have for each other.

Today's reading helps us to think about the mothers, who, like Stephen, are being abused or persecuted especially for their beliefs. We pray and encourage them with Jesus' word, "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid," because "I have overcome the world" and the peace the Lord gives is different from that which the world gives. Today we pray that all Christians, especially mothers, may live and act like children of God's family bonded together by the same Spirit.

**Rev. Anthony Ita Bassey, MSP**

**PARISH NEWS**



May God bless all the mothers of our Parish on this very special day! In this month of May, set aside for a special devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother; we ask for her intercession and protection for all mothers.

*We love you all!*

**MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER**

Loving God,  
 You wrap Your arms around Your people  
 And show Your everlasting love in the same way  
 A mother loves her children.  
 We are grateful for the love You have taught us  
 Through the mothers in our lives:  
 Our own mother who brought us into this world,  
 The mothers of friends who have welcomed us  
 Into their homes and families,  
 Our grandmothers who took time for us,  
 And the mothers who have helped us  
 Even though we were not their children.  
 Bless all the mothers of this world today.  
 May they know the fullness of love they have shared  
 And be blessed every day of their lives. Amen



**ANNUAL DINNER MEETING:** This Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, the **Holy Name Society** will receive two new members (Father Daniel & Gregorio Anderson) during Holy Mass at 7 p.m., which will be followed by a dinner in the McManus Parish Center. Contact Tom Hoffman on 476-7976 for details.

**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 Parish Children's Choir will sing at the Mass. The children are encouraged to sit together with other children at a designated place during the Mass.



**ALTAR FLOWERS** for this week have been donated in loving memory of Frances Nania by Louis & Angela Brusco

The **ALTAR BREAD & WINE, ALTAR CANDLES** and **SANCTUARY LAMP** for the week have been donated in loving memory of Frances Nania by Louis & Angela Brusco.



**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



Congratulations to the 15 children and 1 adult who were sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation here at St. Bartholomew's Church by Bishop Gerald Walsh last Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

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| Chrismel Alonso           | Shamika Lynn Chappory     |
| Kiana Marie Anderson      | Nicholas Joseph Colombino |
| Fabian Gregorio Anderson  | Elvin John Cortes, Jr.    |
| Jeremy Gregorio Anderson  | Vivian Cortes             |
| Rachelle Christina Batac  | Brandon Miguel Cuevas     |
| Thomas Patrick Bresnan    | Henry William Figueroa    |
| Laura Jovana Brito Roque  | Brianna Marie Fontanello  |
| Victor Alexis Brito Roque | Marissa Rose Schmahl      |

We thank God for these children and ask all our parishioners to pray that the graces they have received from the Sacrament of Confirmation be used for their salvation and the salvation of all.

We pray for **Tabitha Justene Colon** who couldn't join the group for Confirmation last Sunday due to ill-health. By the grace of God, Tabitha will be confirmed next Sunday, Pentecost, at the 10 a.m. Mass. Please, keep Tabitha, her parents and her sponsor in your prayers. Thank you!

**PLAN ON ATTENDING THESE PARISH FUNCTIONS**

- Deacon Bob Clemens' 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration this Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at the 5 p.m. Mass, followed by a dinner reception in the Msgr. McManus Parish Center.
- Parish Picnic on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 12 noon at St. Joseph's Seminary

Our **Adult Faith Formation** Committee is showing a **Father Barrone video** from his Catholicism series, titled "Mary, the Mother of God", this **Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m.** in the School building. All are welcome.

*Next Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of Pentecost, we will be re-commissioning our Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist at the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Those scheduled to serve that weekend will be re-commissioned at the Mass they are serving. All other Eucharist Ministers and Lectors are requested to attend the 11:30 a.m. Mass.*

Our **Parish Youth Group** will meet next Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> in Msgr. McManus Parish Center immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass. 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



**TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

<b>May 7, 2012</b>	
Adults' Contribution	\$7446.70
Children's Contribution	\$116.20
<b>Last Year's Total</b>	<b>\$7562.90</b>

<b>May 5, 2013</b>	
Adults' Contribution	\$6170.55
Children's Contribution	\$92.05
<b>This Year's Total</b>	<b>\$6262.60</b>

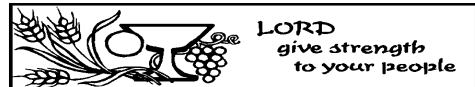
**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for the maintenance of our buildings and grounds totaled \$1638.45.**

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**"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

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**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, Gene DelBene, Nicole Pisani-Frame, Louis Petrulo, Cynthia Swiatkowicz, 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 Brucculeri, Peggy Clevenberg, Gerald Mazzerese, Jr., Patricia Keane, Louis Milone, Joey Bastardi, Carol Stola, Amada Ortiz, Karen Aprea, Stephen Sarich, and Neil Cawley.

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**WEDDING JUBILEE MASS & CELEBRATION**

St. Bartholomew's couples who are celebrating their **25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary** anytime this year (2013) are invited to attend the 11:30 a.m. Mass on June 9<sup>th</sup>. They will be blessed and honored during the Mass which will be followed by a Reception in the McManus Parish Center. Please call the Rectory to register and tell us how many guests you might be expecting at the Reception.



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Mass  for the  
Intentions *Week*

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**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**Saturday, May 11 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

**Sunday, May 12**

8:30 AM Elizabeth Laredo & Margaret Liddell +  
10:00 AM Frances Nanoia +  
11:30 AM Carole Ferraro +  
5:00 PM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Mothers

**Monday, May 13**

**Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Mothers  
9:00 AM Deceased Members of Ciarnella Family

**Tuesday, May 14**

**Saint Matthias, Apostle**

7:00 AM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Mothers  
9:00 AM Mary Wenger +

**Wednesday, May 15**

**Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Mothers  
9:00 AM Irene Forte +

**Thursday, May 16**

**Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM Rita Bolduc +  
9:00 AM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Mothers

**Friday, May 17**

**Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM Paul Bolduc (living)  
9:00 AM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Mothers

**Saturday, May 18**

**Easter Weekday**

9:00 AM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Mothers

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**Pentecost Sunday**

**Saturday, May 18 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Christine Serricchio Bellino +

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**Sunday, May 19**

8:30 AM Robert Liddell +  
10:00 AM Charles & Mary Barba & Son +  
11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish  
5:00 PM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Mothers

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**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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**(Today is World Communication Day)**

**THE BLESSING OF COMMUNICATION**

We are blessed with the words of wisdom

We all have gifts to share

Stories to tell

Let us all learn from each other

To exchange words of wisdom

To share the positive things that we learned from our past

Therefore, others will not fall into the traps laid on the paths

below us

The ability to communicate is a wonderful gift

One does not have to communicate through their mouth

But through their actions

We are all touched in a positive way through the ability to

communicate

Spiritually, verbally or through the actions of one's ability to

communicate.

*By Stacey Chillemi*

