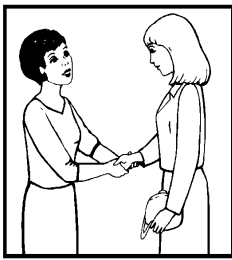


TRUTH SPOKEN WITH LOVE!

(Ezek. 33:7-9; Ps.95: 1-2, 6-9; Rom. 13:8-10; Matt. 18:15-20)

Brothers and sisters: Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another...(because) love is the fulfillment of the law.



As we learned last Sunday, our Christian life is a life of the cross. It is a sacrificial love that we owe to our friends and foes alike.

Regrettably, in our individualistic and relativist environment, some prefer not to get involved and play the role of a *prophet* or a *disciple* in other people's affairs. There are times when we think about butting or

intervening into another person's matters, but we don't. A good friend of yours may be doing something you know is criminal, morally wrong and/or sinful but you prefer "not to get involved." It's none of my business! He or she may be a reckless driver – a threat to his safety and that of others, but you say or do absolutely nothing, because you do not want to offend him/her and jeopardize the relationship. Someone you know may be involved in a business or practice that poses a danger to the community, but you neither say nor do anything about it, because you "don't want to get involved." You play the ostrich, because of fear! Some community leaders, including priests, teachers and politicians often turn a blind eye to certain social ills because they are too afraid to confront the perpetrators. Many parents have become too friendly with their children and / or too afraid to challenge their unruly behavior. They are lax in their duties and hence neglect their responsibility to help their children make the right choices in life. They simply "do not want to get involved." If parents are honest and firm with their children, and if married couples and friends are often honest with each other through fraternal corrections, our society would be a more peaceful place to live.

In the *Confiteor*, you and I ask for God's forgiveness "...in what I have done and what I have failed to do..." We should not ignore the fact that our nonchalant attitude toward a sister or a brother, who is living in sin, is an act of sin on our own part. That is why the Lord, through Prophet Ezekiel, exhorts, "You...I have appointed watchman...If I tell the wicked, *O wicked one, you shall surely die*, and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death." The Lord wants you and me to know that we should be our brothers' and sisters' keeper or else we will answer for it if a brother or sister should go wrong and we knowingly refused to correct such a brother or a sister. Therefore, when next you feel like "not getting involved," remember that you will be held responsible if you refuse to offer mutual advice and admonition to the one who needs it.

Sadly, for fear of reprisal or hate, some prefer to tell a third party about the faults of a sister or a brother instead of correcting her / him directly with love. But Jesus wants you and me to be each other's keeper. He wants us to look out for the salvation of a fellow brother and sister. Thus, in today's gospel, Jesus teaches us the steps to follow when we correct or reconcile with one another. Bear in mind, your silence might often be a sin. You and I share the responsibility of preaching and practicing God's love; and doing so demands sacrifice and truth spoken with love. The Lord has entrusted each of us with the duty of acting as a *watchman* to one another. We must carry out that duty with a spirit of love, and with the intention of building the individual rather than destroying the person. We correct, not for fear of punishment, but because doing so is an act of love.

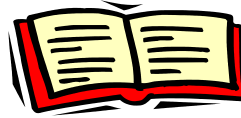
Rev. Anthony J. Bassey, MSP



PARISH NEWS



Bible Study



PARISH BIBLE STUDY: Starting this Friday, September 9th, we invite you to come join your fellow parishioners in discovering more about the Bible on Fridays at 7:30 p.m. in the School. Sessions are moderated by our Pastor, Father Anthony Bassey, MSP. Bring a friend! Come study and pray the Bible with us. Come and have fun exploring the Bible!

OUR FAMILY MASS for this month will be celebrated next **Sunday, September 11th**, at the 10 a.m. Mass. This will be an opportunity to welcome back our Parish and Religious Education families from their summer vacation, and to welcome new families who have registered their children in our Religious Education Program. All children and their parents / grandparents are encouraged to attend the Mass as a family. Mass will be followed by our "Family Breakfast" at the McManus Parish Center. All are welcome.



This Monday, September 5th, is Labor Day, a legal holiday. The Rectory Office will be closed. There will only be one Mass that day at 9 a.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN THIS WEEK

Classes for Public School students begin this Tuesday, September 6th, and Wednesday, September 7th. Please call Cheryl Duda in the Religious Education Office (476-6676) for information or to register. We offer classes for Pre-K through High School students.



We are still inviting parishioners to volunteer to help at the St. Bartholomew's Annual Carnival to be held from September 29th through October 2nd. Please call the Parish Office (965-0566) or Alice Jacob (963-1686) or e-mail (aliceajacob@optonline.net) to sign up and be assigned. Whatever help you can provide is welcomed and appreciated.

VENDORS WANTED: St. Bartholomew's is inviting applications from interested persons who would like to display their merchandise at our Parish Carnival on Friday, Saturday and/or Sunday. For information or a vendor application, check our website www.saintbartparish.org or call the Rectory Office (965-0566) during business hours. Please contact Gina Tummolo on (914) 462-6549 or at ginate@aol.com with any questions.



• Our Youth Group meets in the school this Sunday, September 4th, immediately following the 5 p.m. Youth Mass. All youth age 13 and up are welcome.

• Please plan on attending the Youth Group Car Wash fundraiser next Saturday, September 10th, between 10

a.m. and 3 p.m.

• On Friday, September 16th, our Youth Group along with the groups from 5 other parishes has been invited to attend a special meeting hosted by St. Peter's Youth Group.

COME, JOIN US!

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

The Rosary Altar Society was founded by the 2nd pastor of St. Bartholomew's Church, Father Mee, in 1943, for the purpose of promoting devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary among all, especially among the women of the parish. For 68 years, the Society has played an active role in promoting spiritual growth among its members and the Parish. It has also been one of the major arms of fundraising for the parish annually.

The ladies of the Society, apart from cleaning the sacred linens used at Masses, also make available items necessary for the Altar and the Sanctuary, thereby, enhancing our liturgical worship.

Members of the Society gather to worship as a group on the first Sunday of every month (September thru June) at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. They meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday following the first Sunday to discuss and plan activities for the Society. They always close the meeting with coffee/tea and desserts.

The Society is looking for additional members; therefore, we encourage any woman of the parish who is interested in joining this illustrious group of women to call **Alice Jacob** at 914 963-1686 or the Rectory Office at 914 965-0566.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The Society of the Holy Name of Jesus was founded by Father Mee in 1945, with the objective of promoting the spiritual welfare of the men of the parish and also promoting greater participation in parish life and cooperation among men of the parish.

For 66 years, the Society has helped by donating material assistance to the needy members of our community. They also organize various social events that often bring the parishioners together as a family.

Members of the Society gather to worship as a group on the second Sunday of every month (September thru June) at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. They meet monthly at 7:30 p.m. on the Monday following the second Sunday to discuss and plan activities for the Society. The meeting always ends with dinner and other social activities. These are men who like to have fun. Come join us!

The Society is looking for additional members. Membership is open to any practicing Catholic man, 18 years or older, who would like to "hang out" with men that will help him feel a sense of belonging in the parish family of St. Bartholomew. For further information contact Jack Bilancia at 914 376-1498 or the Rectory



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

- The **budgeted** Collection for last Sunday was \$5700.00.
- The Collection for last Sunday was \$3732.75.
- The Collection for the Propagation of the Faith was \$1141.00.

Due to the **Irene Tropical Storm**, many of our parishioners couldn't get to the church last Sunday. As always, If you are unable to attend Mass due to inclement weather, please consider contributing after the fact by mail, dropping by the Rectory, or doubling up your envelopes /contributions on a subsequent weekend. We thank everyone for their generosity to St. Bartholomew's Church. May God bless and reward all your sacrifices for the Parish!



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 Tolle, Maria Marte, Ed Carpenter, Barbara Rup, Jule Yaskovic, Rosalie Heit, Dolores Santamarena, 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, Lois Burton, Mary DeStefano, Dan Seratto, Mark Cianfaglione, Shawn Colon, Margaret Maccia, Nicole Ryan Betancourt, Anthony Spinner, Audrey & Alfred Falcone, Kathleen Hayes, Marge Muraik, Eve Gammino, Stan Buoninfante, Donna Vasconez, Mary Ann Berengur, Jeffrey Milowe, Gene DelBene, and Angelina Brusco.

REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES, LIVING AND DEAD

The Mass Books for both 2011 & 2012 are open and have availability. Consider giving a loved one the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf; also, consider offering the Altar flowers, Altar bread and wine, Altar candles, or lighting the Sanctuary lamp for your intention. Come to the Rectory Office, **Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.** to make arrangements.

The **ALTAR BREAD & WINE** for this week is donated in loving memory of John DiRodio by Theresa DiRodio.



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.

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 3 (Vigil Mass)

5:00 PM Caroline Longobardi +

Sunday, September 4

8:30 AM Mary & Nicholas Maccia +

10:00 AM John Barnett +

11:30 AM Vincent J. Campisi +

5:00 PM All the People of Our Parish
(Christina Madera's 16th Birthday)

Monday, September 5

Weekday - Labor Day

9:00 AM James & Mary Kassik +

Tuesday, September 6

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM No Intention

Wednesday, September 7

Weekday

7:00 AM Virginia & Maurice Platti +

9:00 AM Vincent Giordano +

Thursday, September 8

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 AM Patrick & Joseph O'Leary +

Friday, September 9

Saint Peter Claver, priest

7:00 AM Marcello Barcello +

9:00 AM Stephen Hickey +

Saturday, September 10

Weekday

9:00 AM Frances Nanoia +

Saturday, September 10 (Vigil Mass)

5:00 PM Pragana Family

Sunday, September 11

Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Deceased Members of Joseph Family +

10:00 AM David Jacob +

11:30 AM Frank & Carmela Legio +

5:00 PM All the People of Our Parish

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**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 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 (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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CURSILLO WEEKENDS: If you are searching for a better understanding of yourself or looking to improve your relationship with Jesus or others, consider attending a Cursillo Weekend. A men's weekend will be held mid October and a women's weekend will be held mid November. Fran and Al DioDati will briefly speak at

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September 10 – 11, to explain the program or they can
be reached on (914) 476-1189.

