

**THE "REAL PRESENCE"**

(Ex. 24:3-8; Ps. 116: 12-13, 15-18; Heb. 9:11-15; Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26)

*"Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink" (John 6:53-55).*

This Sunday is the Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time of the Liturgical Year B. But, being the Second Sunday after Pentecost, we are celebrating the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. The feast, of which origin is traced back to the twelfth century, was given prominence by St. Juliana of Liege, Belgium, an Augustinian nun, who had a great and pious devotion to the Body and Blood of Christ. She had absolute faith that the bread and wine presented at Mass, at the moment of consecration, becomes the Real Presence of Jesus Christ. She had great devotion to the Eucharist because Jesus at the Last Supper, took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to His disciples saying, "This is My body, which will be given for you, do this in memory of Me...This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which will be shed for you" (Luke 22: 19-20).

In today's feast, you and I celebrate the real, but mysterious presence of the Lord Jesus Christ with the community. We celebrate God's initiative in His love to live among His people and thus satisfy their insatiable hunger for love, peace and justice. In the feast of *Corpus Christi*, we celebrate the mystery of the self-giving love of Christ for you and me. In this mystery, Christ gives Himself to us in the semblance of bread and wine. Today's first reading tells us of the covenant Moses established between God and the children of Israel, how the latter assented to "do everything that the Lord has told us;" and how Moses sprinkled the blood of sacrifice on the people and said to them, "This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you..." In this Old Testament passage, the blood of senseless and irrational beasts had therefore, become a symbolism of God's redemptive love - for cleansing and the redemption of His chosen people.

In the new dispensation, you and I are the people that God created in God's own image and likeness. He did not create us in the image of an irrational animal or in any other image, but in His own image; thus, in giving His Body and Blood to us, He intends that you and I will be saved by Him and Him alone, because "Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life." Therefore, the Eucharist, Body and Blood of Christ, is a fulfillment of the covenant the Lord has made with us - a covenant of love and redemption. It is a sacrament of God's love for us on our pilgrimage to Heaven. Christ, the High Priest, offers Himself as the eternal covenant between God and us. For us Catholics, our faith tells us that the Body and Blood of Christ is a *viaticum* (food for the journey) for you and me. It is the Food for our journey here on earth. It is a sacrament of a God Who will not leave us alone along the way, but is right beside us always.

Today's feast calls our attention to the gift Jesus gave us in His Body and Blood (the Eucharist). It calls on all of us to recapture the fire of our faith in the *Real Presence* of Christ in the Eucharist. Our true faith should be seen in our attitude and reverence toward Jesus Who is present in the Tabernacle and on the Altar at every Mass and whenever we are in church.

*Rev. Anthony Ita Bassey, MSP*

**PARISH NEWS**



**MEETING:** This Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, the Holy Name Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center. All men of the Parish are welcome.

**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.



The **ALTAR BREAD & WINE** for the week has been donated in loving memory of Carmine Nicholas Maccia by Margaret Maccia and Karen Maccia McKenna.

**FATHER'S DAY CARDS AND NOVENA:**

Next Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 17<sup>th</sup>. 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.



**CALENDAR**

The representative of each Parish Committee and group within the Parish, vying for use of the McManus Parish Center, are reminded that the calendar meeting will take place on **Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7 p.m.** in the School building. Please save the date!



Now is the time to register your child for Religious Education classes for the fall. Classes are available for children in kindergarten through high school. Children who attended classes here this past year are reminded to return their re-registration papers. New families wishing to enroll their children or to find out more information should contact Cheryl Duda on (914) 476-6676.



**CATHOLIC WIDOWS & WIDOWERS OF YONKERS** will hold their monthly meeting at **7:15 p.m.** on **Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup>**, in Father Anthony Hall, next to St. Ann's Big Church, 31 College Place, Yonkers. **New Members are welcome.** For more information, please call (914) 476-4436.

## MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

### PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious, or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sister Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000 ext. 2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 914-861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at [victimassistance@archny.org](mailto:victimassistance@archny.org). Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, [www.archny.org](http://www.archny.org). In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.



### TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

#### June 5, 2011

Adults' Contribution	\$7450.65
Children's Contribution	\$133.40
<b>Last Year's Total</b>	<b>\$7584.05</b>

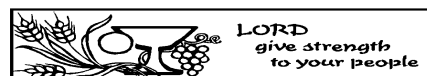
#### June 3, 2012

Adults' Contribution	\$7334.50
Children's Contribution	\$142.45
<b>This Year's Total</b>	<b>\$7476.95</b>

*"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."*

### 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, 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 Petruolo, Cynthia Swiatkowitz, Rose Botcheller, Silvia Georgi, Jimmy Maimone, Robert Mirsky, Steve Oddo, Roseann Mercandetti, Paul Bolduc, Amelia Gagliardi, Louis Brusco, Josephine Daniele, Jennifer Dorsey, Valerie Riccardi, Fatima Panik, and Joanne Moscarello.

### THE 2013 MASS BOOK IS OPEN

The Mass Book for 2013 opened on Ash Wednesday and there are still many dates open in this year's Mass Book, as well. Consider giving a loved one or someone (living or deceased) who has a special place in your life the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. You may have a thanksgiving Mass offered for your loved ones or for yourself on such occasions as birthdays, wedding anniversaries, etc. Also, you may consider offering the altar flowers, altar bread and wine, altar candles, or sanctuary lamp for your intention. Come to the Rectory Office, **Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.** to make arrangements or to inquire about the availability of a particular date.

### 2012 ARCHDIOCESAN STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

As stewards and disciples of Christ, we recognize that all the goods and riches in our lives are gifts from God. We are at 93% of our goal for the 2012 Archdiocesan Stewardship Appeal. It is not too late to share your gifts and make a gift to this year's Appeal.



*"All that the Lord has said, we will heed and do."* Come to a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and learn more about God's will for your marriage/holy orders. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is August 10 - 12. For more information go to: [www.wvme.org](http://www.wvme.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.

**ADOPTION OPPORTUNITY:** Baby girls in China need homes. Infants and toddlers are available. Older parents and single women are welcomed. For more information call Barbara Salvesen on (845) 623-5277.



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.

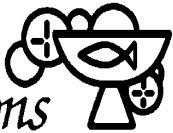
**EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTION:** Held the First Friday of every month at 1 p.m. Please join us when you are able.

**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.

JUNE 10, 2012

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Mass  for the  
Intentions Week

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**Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ Sunday**

**Saturday, June 9 (Vigil Mass)**

Easter Weekday

5:00 PM Marcello Barcello +

**Sunday, June 10**

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

**Monday, June 11**

**Saint Barnabas, Apostle**

7:00 AM Deceased Members of Bolduc & Savard Families

9:00 AM Miguel Lora +

**Tuesday, June 12**

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Deceased Members of Manzo & Esposito Families

**Wednesday, June 13**

**Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor of the Church**

7:00 AM Msgr. Vincent T. Case +

9:00 AM Father Anthony's Special Intention

6:00 PM Intentions of the Rosary Altar Society

**Thursday, June 14**

Weekday

7:00 AM Kathleen Gmitter +

9:00 AM John Bryce +

**Friday, June 15**

**The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

7:00 AM Dolores Santamorena +

9:00 AM Julia Wyda +

**Saturday, June 16**

**The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9:00 AM Frank & Carmela Legio +

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**Saturday, June 16 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

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**Sunday, June 17**

**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 AM Carmine Nicholas Maccia +

10:00 AM Fiore Brusco & Gabriel Nanoia +

11:30 AM George & Eleanor Tiplady +

5:00 PM Novena



