

**MAKING A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION**

*(2 Kings 4: 42-44; Ps. 145: 10-11, 15-18; Eph. 4:1-6; John 6: 1-15)*

Last week Friday, we all woke up to the horrific news of a gunman who mowed down twelve lives and injured 58 others in a movie theater in Aurora, Colorado. It has been a difficult week for the families who lost their loved ones and for the victims who were injured in that heinous attack. The people of Colorado and the nation at large are still in shock, and many are questioning as to what could drive a twenty-four year old man to carrying out such a bestial act. As a community of faith, our hearts go out to all the victims of that single cowardly attack. We pray that Christ, the author of life, will grant eternal rest to all those who lost their lives in the attack; and bring healing in body and mind to those who were injured.

Now as the politicians continue their debate on the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment and gun control, you and I should live above the fray and genuinely consider the sacredness of human life and its value in a society like ours. Our own debate must center on the values we must instill into our children. When we hear of parents who at midnight went to see a PG 13 rated movie with a four month old and a four-year-old; we have to ask, "What were they thinking?" We are grateful to God that those children were not harmed and are still alive. We feel sorry for the six year old whose life was ended by the gunman. We pray that her innocent soul may rest in God's peace. As adults, it is time we set our priorities, and start instilling in our children the values that will benefit them and society. At midnight, under normal circumstances, those children should have been tucked into bed, and kept warm by the love of a parent and the security of a home.

As for the killer, no one yet knows the motive for his bastardy action, but we can only suggest that our society is in great need of redemption. We live in a world where our young people are bombarded with pseudo super heroes. For many of our young people life has become a drama, not an art. The culture of violence is eating deep into the moral fabric of our society - young people and, unfortunately, some adults often want to act out what they experienced in video games, TV and/or movie screens. Some cannot differentiate between what is real and what is staged. As a community - parents, priests, teachers, relatives, friends, neighbors, et cetera - you and I have a responsible to invest our talents, time and treasure in building a society that will benefit the present and the future generations - a society rich in traditional and Christian moral values.

The challenges we face today can be overwhelming and at best, intimidating. The temptation might be to give up trying and raise the white flag. The disciples of Elisha and Jesus felt the same way: "How can I set this before a hundred people." Or "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves...but what good are these for so many?" We should never underestimate the power that we can unleash upon the earth when we put our faith in Christ and rely on Him to "multiply" our "small" contribution to save the multitude from being slaughtered by the enemy of good. Christians must harness all resources in an effort to build a society that would benefit all. Just as the man from Baalshalishah in the 1<sup>st</sup> reading and the boy in the gospel donated barley loaves to the men of God to enable them feed the multitudes, you and I must donate our talents, time and treasure, so that through our involvements our society would be rid of a culture/value that promotes violence. Every Christian must live in a manner worthy of the call they have received: "With all humility and gentleness, patience, bearing

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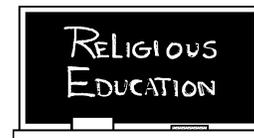
**SHARING COMMUNITY MEAL:** This Thursday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will be providing our Sharing Community Meal. Please bring your ziti or dessert to the Rectory. Doors will open at 6:45 a.m. The Sharing Community thanks all who participate. For information on this important effort, please call the Rectory Office.

**HOLY HOUR:** This Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, is First Friday. We will have our monthly Holy Hour at 1 p.m. On Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, the Divine Mercy Holy Hour will begin at 3 p.m. All are invited to spare an hour and come to adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist.



**OUR FAMILY MASS:** Next Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate our Family Mass at 10 a.m. All children and their families are encouraged to attend. Mass will be followed by "Family Breakfast" at the McManus Parish Center. All are welcome.

Registration for Religious Education classes for public school children, running September through June, is open. Classes are available for children in 1<sup>st</sup> grade through high school senior year, including those with Special Education needs. Classes are available to prepare children of all ages for the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation, regardless of any lack of previous instruction. **All Catholic children attending public schools should enroll in a religious education program.** Please call (476-6676) for more information.



**OUR PARISH R.C.I.A. PROGRAM**

If you or someone you know needs information on the Catholic Faith or has not been confirmed, please call the Religious Education Office for information on the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.) in our parish.

**LECTOR NEWS**

We welcome and thank our new Youth Lectors, Fabian Anderson, Jeremy Anderson and Kiana Anderson, for their willingness to serve our parish in this ministry.



*We can love others with their failures when we stop despising ourselves because of our failures.*

~ Most Reverend Desmond Tutu, Former Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town

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## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



"Live in a manner worthy of the call you have received ..." Worldwide Marriage Encounter can help you strengthen your marriage or Holy Orders. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is August 10 - 12. For more information call toll free (877) 697-9963 or visit [www.wmearchny.org](http://www.wmearchny.org).

Worldwide Marriage Encounter's mission of renewal in the Church and change in the world is to assist couples to live fully intimate and responsible relationships by providing them with a Catholic "experience" and ongoing community support for such a life style.

### GIANT TAG SALE - SATURDAY, AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup> MCMANUS PARISH CENTER

Our Religious Education Department and our Youth Group plan to run a Tag Sale in the McManus Parish Center as a fund raiser. Please save the date! They are accepting donations of:

**Jewelry, household items, bric-a-brac, electronics in good working order - toys & games with all their pieces etc.**

Please no books! More information will be coming. For any questions or to make arrangements to drop off donations, please call Cheryl Duda on 476-6676.

**OUR HOMEBOUND / SHUT-IN PARISHIONERS:** St. Bartholomew's Parish wishes to show our love and care for our members who for reasons of infirmity, due to age or sickness, cannot be with us as we gather for Mass each week. Our aim is for all homebound parishioners to be visited by a Priest and/or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion on a regular basis.

Often we will hear of someone who is homebound but had not been receiving the Eucharist for a long time although this individual may have been, during healthier times, a very devout Catholic. Often we will hear that the person didn't want to "bother anyone" or "put anyone out." Often these individuals become our "hidden Catholics" and we sometimes don't learn of them until years later when we celebrate their funeral liturgy.

We want our sick and homebound to know they are valued members of our parish and we want to bring Jesus to them. **However, we need your help.** These individuals are often hidden in our community and only a neighbor knows of their presence. Please help by personally contacting those homebound Catholics whom you know of and telling them of our availability and deep desire to bring the Eucharist to them. We are flexible and very willing to work around their personal needs and schedules.

If you know of a homebound Catholic who would like to receive the Eucharist please contact Cheryl Duda of the Liturgy Committee on 476-6676 or the Rectory on 965-0566.

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

### STEWARDSHIP

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

### Tithing - God's Plan for Giving

July 24, 2011

Adults' Contribution	\$4752.55
Children's Contribution	\$36.65
<b>Last Year's Total</b>	<b>\$4789.20</b>

July 22, 2012

Adults' Contribution	\$6212.90
Children's Contribution	\$64.35
<b>This Year's Total</b>	<b>\$6277.25</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."*

**The second collection for the Propagation of the Faith totaled \$1206.20.**



**ENVELOPES CONFUSION:** Our envelope provider mixed up the envelopes for the next couple of Sundays. Therefore, next Sunday, **August 5<sup>th</sup>**, our second collection will be for the **Catholic Home Missions and the Church in Latin America**. The following Sunday, **August 12<sup>th</sup>**, the second collection will be for the **maintenance of our buildings and grounds**.

We apologize for the confusion.

### 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, Mary Romanchik, Nicole Pisani-Frame, Louis Petruolo, Cynthia Swiatkiewicz, 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, Joanne Moscarello, Marian Fletcher and Minerva Hernandez.

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

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*Mass Intentions for the Week*



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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saturday, July 28 (Anticipated Mass)**

Weekday

5:00 PM Deceased Members of Victor Orsini's Family

**Sunday, July 29**

8:30 AM Louise Bolduc - Thanksgiving to God

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM Paul Montalbano +

5:00 PM Frank & Carmela Legio +

**Monday, July 30**

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Angelina Brusco +

**Tuesday, July 31**

Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Joan Rendell +

**Wednesday, August 1**

Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Eugenio & Marcello Barcello +

**Thursday, August 2**

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Carmine Dimarcello +

**Friday, August 3**

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Rose Fabrizio +

**Saturday, August 4**

Saint John Vianney, Priest

9:00 AM Mary Krakowiak +

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**Saturday, August 4 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Marion DeMuro +

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**Sunday, August 5**

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Catherine & Francis Robinson +

10:00 AM Joseph & Mary Prior +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

5:00 PM Radames Blanco +

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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 provide 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 on 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 complete the 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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***Catholic Charities: Strengthening Families and  
Resolving Crises***

The Catholic Charities' Community Services Thrift Store, located at 402 East 152<sup>nd</sup> Street, Bronx, has a wide selection of housewares, designer clothing, vintage collectables and antiques available for purchase in store and online. Purchases and donations support the Thrift Store's services in the South Bronx community - the single poorest congressional district in the United States. To learn more

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about donating, volunteering, or shopping at the Thrift Store  
visit [www.catholiccharitiesny.org/thriftstore](http://www.catholiccharitiesny.org/thriftstore).

