

TRINITY OF GOD'S LOVE

(Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9; 2Cor. 13:11-13; John 3:16-18)

This Sunday is the 12th Sunday in the 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 His resurrection, shortly before He ascended to heaven, Jesus met with His disciples and urged them: "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples from all nations. Baptize them **in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit...**"

Like other Revelations, the Most Holy Trinity is a Mystery, which is beyond human comprehension and understanding. Therefore, it cannot be subjected to pure natural reasoning. Every conscientious Catholic at some point of his or her Christian life, had to grapple with the sensibility of this Mystery. Many of the great Saints and Fathers of the Church have done a great deal to reflect on the mystery of the Trinity in an effort to teach it intelligibly and meaningfully to all of us. St. Patrick of Ireland used the Shamrock (three leaf clover) to explain the unity and the indivisible nature of the Triune God. The truth is that the Trinity is more than a dogma. It is about being loved by God and His desire to express Himself to us and to give us His love.

This is one of the feasts in the Church, which, as a doctrine, we look beyond the Scriptures in order to better understand the teaching behind this doctrine. Thus, the Catechism states: "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 history of 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 concept of God as a Triune God (Trinity) seems to have been first used by Theophilus of Antioch in 180 A.D. when he spoke of "the Trinity of God (the Father), His Word (Son) and His Wisdom (Spirit). It was not until the year 325 AD that the doctrine on the Most Holy Trinity was decreed at the Council of Nicea, and we profess it every time we recite the *profession of faith*. The doctrine of the Trinity teaches us that God is Three Persons in One Godhead. God revealed Himself to us as: "God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit." The doctrine of the Trinity, apart from teaching us to know about God, challenges us to know God. Two people who are in love always seek to know the one they love. They do not just want to know about them, but to know them. Even in this modern age when people meet their loved ones on the Internet, there is always the desire and interest to meet them face to face and to get to know them.

It is when you and I get to know the Father Who creates the universe, the Son Who redeems humanity, and the Holy Spirit Who sanctifies all, that we will come to appreciate the strength that exists in unity. The doctrine of the Most Holy Trinity teaches us about the unity that exists in the bond of the Father-Son-Holy Spirit. It challenges us to consider Who God is and thus, to respond to His love for us. "The grace of Christ Jesus the Lord, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all," especially all fathers of our parish on this Fathers' Day.



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL THE FATHERS OF OUR PARISH – WE LOVE YOU ALL!

May God bless each and every father in our Parish today and throughout the coming year.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will meet this Monday, June 20th, at 7:00 p.m. in the school. All members are encouraged to attend.



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 the Mass. The children are encouraged to sit together with other children at designated place during the Mass.

SOCIAL MINISTRY: Please don't forget our Food Pantry this summer. We have an **ongoing need**, for non-perishable staples, such as cereal, rice, pasta & sauces, juices, soups, canned fish/meat, canned fruits & vegetables. Please keep this in mind when you see sales on your trips to the supermarket. Thank you for your continuing support!



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 **Wednesday, June 29th, at 7 p.m.** in the School Please save the date!



ALTAR FLOWERS for this week have been donated in loving memory of Fiore Brusco and Gabriel Nanoia by Louis & Angela Brusco.



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

Join Father Anthony and your fellow parishioners in discovering more about the Bible this Friday, June 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the School. Bring a friend! Come and have fun exploring both the Old and New Testaments.

Bible Study




FRIDAY, JULY 1st
1:30 – 7:30 PM
MCMANUS PARISH CENTER

St. Bartholomew's will be conducting its **69th Blood Drive** in the 30 years since starting in 1981. St. Bart's parishioners and friends have made 5019 donations to date. **Congratulations to our 5000th donor, Ralph Schoene!** Thank you to all who have participated in our past drives.

We are traditionally asked to run drives during holiday periods when the need for blood is great and the donations are usually down. Your support is just one of many things that make St. Bartholomew's Parish special. If you can donate, please call Tony Sciacca (423-3592) for an appointment. Also, please encourage your family & friends to participate.



"Live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you."
Experience more peace in your marriage on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter, August 12-14. For more information, 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 THE BLESSINGS OF YOUR MARRIAGE!

The Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Program is seeking married couples and priests to help engaged couples as they prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage. The commitment is flexible, training is provided, and the experience is very rewarding. For more information please call (845) 621-0230 or (845) 729-3555 to reach Lisa Dunleavy-Jennings, Assistant Coordinator for Marriage Preparation for the Archdiocese of New York.

The Annual Parish Picnic sponsored by the Holy Name Society is scheduled for next Sunday, June 26th, at St. Joseph's Seminary from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Please plan on attending this great family day.



MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Held after the 9 a.m. Mass on Mondays.

EUCHARISTIC 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.



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

- The **budgeted** Collection for last Sunday was **\$5850.00.**
- The **Collection** for last Sunday was **\$5142.20.**

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 Tolli, 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, Carmella DelBene, Ann Ceriale, Dan Seratto, Mark Cianfaglione, Shawn Colon, Margaret Maccia, Nicole Ryan Betancourt, Anthony Spinner, Audrey & Alfred Falcone, Kathleen Hayes, Paul Montalbano, Marge Muraik, and Eve Gammino.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Enrico Caruso. *Rest in Peace*

CATHOLIC WIDOWS & WIDOWERS OF YONKERS will hold their monthly meeting at **7:15 p.m.** on **Monday**, June 20th, in the auditorium of Christ the King School, 740 North Broadway, Yonkers. **New Members are welcome.** For more information, please call (914) 476-4436.

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. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, 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.

Discover the benefits of a Catholic Education from **St. Peter's School**, 204 Hawthorne Avenue, Yonkers. Visit anytime from Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tour the school with their students and meet their faculty and administration. Learn about their excellent academic program. Find out about their technological facilities, community service events, and numerous activities. **SCOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE!** Feel free to contact the school for more information or to set up a tour: 914 963-2314 or www.stpetersny.com.

JUNE 19, 2011

Mass  *for the*
Intentions *Week*

Most Holy Trinity Sunday

Saturday, June 18 (Vigil Mass)

5:00 PM All the People of Our Parish

Sunday, June 19

8:30 AM Carmine Nicholas Maccia +
10:00 AM Fiore Brusco & Gabriel Nanoia +
11:30 AM Roberto Capuano & Luigi Lucchetti +
5:00 PM Novena

Monday, June 20

Weekday

7:00 AM Novena
9:00 AM Georgianna & Harold O'Mara +

Tuesday, June 21

Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, religious

7:00 AM Novena
9:00 AM Benjamin Filippone +

Wednesday, June 22

Weekday

7:00 AM Novena
9:00 AM Fr. Anthony & Fr. Francis' Ordination Anniversary

Thursday, June 23

Weekday

7:00 AM Novena
9:00 AM Teresina & Luigi Pagnotta +

Friday, June 24

Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

7:00 AM Novena
9:00 AM Anna L. & Edward Cashin +

Saturday, June 25

Weekday

9:00 AM Novena

Saturday, June 25 (Vigil Mass)

5:00 PM Virgilio Brizido +

Sunday, June 26

Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Sunday

8:30 AM Rev. Anthony Bassey, MSP
10:00 AM All the People of Our Parish
11:30 AM George & Eleanor Tiplady +
5:00 PM Novena

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