

**IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS - "THE BREAD OF LIFE"**

(Ex. 16: 2-4, 12-15; Ps. 78: 3-4, 23-25, 54; Eph. 4:17, 20-24; John 6: 24-35)

*"I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites...In the evening twilight you shall eat flesh, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread, so that you may know that I, the LORD, am your God."*

The historical context of today's first reading is based on the children of Israel who were dissatisfied with the Lord because of the challenges they encountered after the Lord freed them from the hands of Pharaoh in Egypt. They were humiliated and oppressed in the land of Egypt for more than three hundred years. The Lord noticed their plight and listened to their plea. He sent His servant Moses to deliver them from their bondage at the hands of Pharaoh and the Egyptians. As they sojourned in the Wilderness to the land which the Lord had promised their Fathers, they were faced with many challenges – lack of staple food – lack of pure drinking water – attacks by wild animals – the death of their loved ones without decent places to bury them. Thus, the Israelites complained: "Would that we had died at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, as we sat by our fleshpots and ate our fill of bread!" They longed to go back to the land where they were oppressed, because they could not face up to the challenges of life. This shows the irony of life!

Children have been known to whine and complain that their parents do not give them what they want. Sometimes they challenge their parents to demonstrate their love by providing things they do not really need. Like children, when we turn attention to ourselves and focus on what we want, we fall into the trap of thinking and behaving like the Israelites. In our selfishness, we fail to look at the bigger picture - we fail to count our blessings and appreciate the love our parents have for us - we thereby focus on the negatives rather than acknowledging the positives, no matter how small they might seem. God, like our parents, will always love us in spite of our egotistical tendencies. Thus, the Lord God instructed Moses to inform the children of Israel, "I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites," and I, the Lord, will take care of their needs.

In last Sunday's gospel, we saw Jesus Who out of benevolence, fed the multitude that had come to listen to Him. After the incident, He had moved on to another district, but the crowd followed Him. Upon seeing them Jesus said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for Me not because you saw signs but because you ate loaves and were filled. Do not work for food that perishes but for food that endures for eternal life..." In our spiritual journey, at times the demands of our religious duties are so tasking and overwhelming that we wish we had not taken the step in the right direction of becoming good and better Christians. Sometimes, we want to take the easy way out. Often we prefer to work for "food that perishes" rather than working for "food that endures" - we engage ourselves in jobs, sports, and other activities that prevent us from "working for food that endures to eternal life." We fail to attend Mass that gives us the opportunity to encounter Christ (our Salvation) in the Word and the Holy Eucharist. In today's society, too many of our Catholic brothers and sisters base their faith on the entertainment some churches offer, complaining that they find the Mass boring, and fleeing to Pentecostal churches because they just want to "feel good." Today's scripture exhorts "that you (and I) must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds," but, rather, in our practice of the faith we must always do things and live a life that will help put us on the path to eternal life.

Rev. Anthony Ita Bassey, MSP


**PARISH NEWS**



**Congratulations** to our newest Christian, **Anthony Tien Nguyen**, who was baptized on Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. We thank his parents and godparent for presenting him for baptism, and we pray God to bless and keep this child and his parents in their journey of faith.

**SOCIAL MINISTRY:** Our Food Pantry has an **ongoing need**, for cereal, pasta sauces, canned fish/meat, canned fruits, rice, jelly, juices and beverage mixes. Please keep this in mind when you see sales on your trips to the supermarket. Thank you for your continuing support!

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

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

**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 at 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.



**GIANT TAG SALE**  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup>**  
**9:30 AM - 3 PM**  
**MCMANUS PARISH CENTER**  
**Rain or Shine**

See the flyer in today's bulletin for more information.

**Catholic Charities: Strengthening Families & Resolving Crises**

To support the work of strengthening families, Catholic Charities is recruiting a team to participate in the 2012 ING New York City Marathon. Team Catholic Charities NY runners will raise funds for the St. Nicholas Project, a program that provides critical social services throughout the year for families in need in the New York Archdiocese. St. Nicholas Project services include nutritious meals, job readiness training, housing assistance, immigration and refugee resettlement counseling. To learn more about the St. Nicholas Project and Team Catholic Charities NY, visit [catholiccharitiesny.org/marathon](http://catholiccharitiesny.org/marathon). Inquiries may be directed to [teamcathcharitiesny@archny.org](mailto:teamcathcharitiesny@archny.org).



Please remember that on Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven. It is a Holy Day of Obligation; therefore, every Catholic is obliged to attend Mass on that day in honor of

our Blessed Mother, Mary. There will be a vigil Mass on Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. And on Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, Masses will be held at 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 12 noon, and 7:30 p.m.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



St. Paul tells us that we should put away the old self and put on the new self. Worldwide Marriage Encounter can transform your marriage or holy orders. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is August 10-12. Call toll free 877 697-9963, ext. 3 or visit the website

[www.wwmearchny.org](http://www.wwmearchny.org) for more information.

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.

MILES FOR MARRIAGE - 1 MILE WALK / 5K RUN

Marian Shrine, Stony Point, NY

Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> - 9:15 AM Check In - 10 AM Start

All proceeds go toward assisting Worldwide Marriage Encounter to continue to provide programs for married couples across the world. For more information, call Chris & Pauline DalCeredo on (914) 248-7344.

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

"In answer to your inquiry, I consider that the chief dangers which confront the coming century will be religion without the Holy Ghost, Christianity without Christ, forgiveness without repentance, salvation without regeneration, politics without God, and heaven without hell."

--- William Booth (1829-1912)



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

July 31, 2011

Adults' Contribution	\$4758.20
Children's Contribution	\$30.00
<b>Last Year's Total</b>	<b>\$4789.20</b>

July 29, 2012

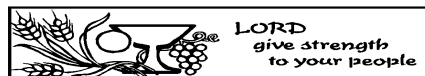
Adults' Contribution	\$5680.05
Children's Contribution	\$63.00
<b>This Year's Total</b>	<b>\$5743.05</b>

"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."

Next Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, we will take up a second collection at all the Masses in support of our buildings and grounds. Please be as generous as your means allow.

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 Cianfaglionne, 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 Petrulo, Cynthia Swiatkowicz, 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, Anna Bonacci, Minerva Hernandez, and Paula Parente.

REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES, LIVING AND DEAD

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, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. to make arrangements or to inquire about the availability of a particular date.

AUGUST 5, 2012

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*Mass*  *for the*  
*Intentions* *Week*

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**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Saint John Vianney, Priest**

5:00 PM Marion DeMuro +

**Sunday, August 5**

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 +

**Monday, August 6**

**The Transfiguration of the Lord**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Patrick Massaroni +

**Tuesday, August 7**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Gerry Maselli +

**Wednesday, August 8**

**Saint Dominic, Priest**

7:00 AM Deceased Members of Bolduc & Savard Families

9:00 AM Robert Mikos +

**Thursday, August 9**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Nicholas DeRosa & Family (living)

**Friday, August 10**

**Saint Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Marcello Barcello +

**Saturday, August 11**

**Saint Clare, Virgin (19th Century)**

9:00 AM Joyce Couto +

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

5:00 PM Frank DiFilippo, Emidio DiStefano & Peter Sherlock +

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**Sunday, August 12**

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 AM Robert Liddell +

10:00 AM Rose Marie Yannicelli +

11:30 AM Frank & Carmela Legio +

5:00 PM For 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 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 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 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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