

STEWARDSHIP: MY PROPERTY TAX*(Is. 5:1-7; Ps. 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil. 4:6-9; Matt. 21:33-43)*

Prophet Isaiah's *Song of the Vineyard* is written in the form of a love Ballard. It is a Ballard of how God loved and cared for His child and friend, Israel. It speaks lovingly of a dear friend who devoted his time and everything to his vineyard. Isaiah sees God in an affectionate relationship with His vineyard, Israel. He is telling Israel that, because love of God and love of others are no longer at the center of their life, there will be serious consequences (which resulted in the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple, and the forcing of the people into exile). Isaiah's poetry tells us that God is in an affectionate relationship with His chosen people – you and me. He spends time pampering and caring for us – pruning and nurturing us. In a similar vein, the *Parable of the Tenants* in today's gospel also illustrates God's dealings with His people – you and me. It tells us about God's trust and confidence in us, and His patience with us even when we strayed away from Him. But most importantly, the parable highlights the fact that there are grave consequences when we deliberately turned our backs on God, and failed to faithfully carry out the tasks He has entrusted to us. You and I are responsible and answerable for the way we carry out the tasks entrusted to our care.

Parents and teachers often sacrifice time, talents, resources and energy to give children the best they have to offer – enroll them in various sporting and/or social activities. Parents send their child to high school and to college, expecting the best from him/her. They expect that their labor – their time, talents and resources – will not be in vain, and will bear fruits. However, their work is not always rewarded. Although, parents always love and often sacrifice a lot for their children, they sometimes feel let down by them. Lack of response can hurt badly; hence Isaiah uses beautiful imagery in his poetry to make God's shock and hurt apparent. Like our parents and teachers, God expects the best *grapes and wine* from us, His vineyard. There is no reason why we should not produce the *sweetest wine*, but often He gets *sour grapes* from us. In His infinite love and wisdom, God has bestowed His riches upon us. As all parents and educators do, God has high expectations of us.

Sometimes, like the tenants in today's gospel, we occasionally forget that God is the true owner of life. While you and I are blessed with many good things, we sometimes choose not to make returns to God – we selfishly hoard things for ourselves. In our society all landowners are expected to pay taxes on their property. The Lord God has made us, *owners of land*, with the various gifts He has endowed us with; and He expects us to pay *property tax* on them. Stewardship requires you to contribute your time, talent and treasure to God through your church and the needy in our society. As a believer, Tithing is the best way you can show to God that you appreciate all that He has blessed you with, and thus, in return you are bearing fruit by sharing gifts. Too often we take for granted what God has blessed us with. Today's parable illustrates that when we do this, there are certainly consequences – the Lord will take away the *vineyard* from us and will hand it over to those who will be generous in sharing their gifts.

“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your request known to God.” Count your blessings, one by one, and give thanks to God for what you have. Have no anxiety, because true happiness is found, not in how much you acquire, but how much you share.

Rev. Fr. Anthony J. Deane, M.D.


PARISH NEWS


The **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY** meeting will be held this Monday, October 3rd, at 7:30 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center. **There will be a presentation on the upcoming changes to the Roman Missal.** All women of the Parish are invited to attend.

**FEAST OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

God, You enabled St. Francis to imitate Christ by his poverty and humility. Walking in St. Francis' footsteps, may we follow Your Son and be bound to You by a joyful love. Amen.

This coming Tuesday, October 4th, we celebrate the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, well known for his great love of animals. That day at 5 p.m., we will have a blessing of animals in our parking lot. Bring your favorite pets to be blessed.

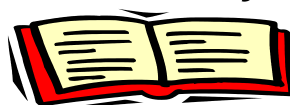


SHARING COMMUNITY MEAL: This Thursday, October 6th, we will be providing our Sharing Community Meal. Please bring your ziti or dessert to the Rectory. Doors will open at 6:45 a.m. The Sharing Community truly appreciates our efforts. Please keep up the good work! For information, please call the Rectory Office.

HOLY HOUR: This Friday, October 7th, is First Friday. We will have our monthly Holy Hour at 1 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this wonderful devotion.



The month of October is dedicated to praying the Rosary; this Friday is also the feast of **Our Lady of the Rosary**. Please make a special effort this Friday to say the Rosary with your fellow parishioners after the 9 a.m. Mass, at the 1 p.m. Holy Hour, or with your family at home.

Bible Study

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

CHILDREN'S

MASS: Make it a point to bring your child to our Children's Mass next Sunday and the rest of the Sundays in October. The 10 a.m. Mass will focus on our children. The Parish Children's Choir will sing, and the children are



encouraged to sit together with other children and their classmates
during the Mass.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WE WELCOME OUR NEWEST CHRISTIANS



We welcome and congratulate our two newest Christians, baby **Alasdair Rhyss McEntire** who was baptized into the Catholic Family of St. Bartholomew on Saturday, September 17th, and baby **Dylan Joseph O'Sullivan** who was baptized into the Catholic Family of St. Bartholomew on Sunday, September 18th. We thank their parents and godparents for presenting them for baptism, and we pray God to bless and keep both children and their parents in their journey of faith.

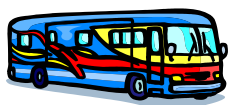
ROSARY ALTAR BUS TRIPS

To Reading, PA for Shopping the Vanity Fair Outlets Saturday, November 5th

The price is \$35 per person. For information and reservations, call Joan (476-6860) or Dolly (969-6575)

and

To Radio City for the Christmas Show Wednesday, December 7th



The package includes the bus, lunch & an almost all new show. For information and reservations, please call Nancy on 376-2025.



INSTRUMENTS NEEDED: The Music Ministry needs some instruments. If you have an **acoustic guitar** or a **drum set** that you can donate, please see Erika, our Music Director, or contact Cheryl Duda of the Liturgy Committee on (914) 476-6676.

Registration for Religious Education classes for public school children, running September through June, is open. Classes are available for **children in Pre-K 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.



Religious Education helps to build a strong foundation

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY



This is to announce the celebration of the sacred sacrament of Matrimony between Kimberley Louise Howley and Thomas Anthony Frabizzio; this Friday, October 7th, at our church. Please keep the couple and their families in your prayers.

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

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 **\$6700.00.**
- The **Collection** for last Sunday totaled **\$6137.70.**

We thank everyone for their generosity to St. Bartholomew's Church. May God bless and reward all your sacrifices for the Parish! As St. Paul says, "Each of you should give as you decided...not reluctantly as if obliged. God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to fill you with every good thing, so that you have enough of everything at all times, and may give abundantly for any good work" (2Cor. 9).

REMEMBER YOUR BELOVED PARISH

Remember, "We make a living by what we earn. We make a life by what we share." Please remember St. Bartholomew's 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, 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, 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, Eve Gammino, Stan Buoninfante, Donna Vasconez, Mary Ann Berengur, Gene DelBene, Angelina Brusco, Mary Romanchik, and Nicole Pisani-Frame.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: "... give us a new life, and we will call upon Your name." Bring new life to your marriage or Holy Orders on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, November 5 – 6. Call toll free 877-697-9963 or visit the website, www.wmearchny.org, for more information.

Sunday, October 30th, is World Priest Day, a day of celebration and affirmation of the men who commit their lives to the Lord and to the Church via the sacrament of Holy Orders. It is an opportunity for parishioners to thank, affirm and share their love support for their priests. Visit <http://wpd.wwme.org>.

YOUTH GROUP: The first Sunday evening of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass, our **Youth Group** meets in the McManus Parish Center. *However, because of our Carnival this month's meeting will be moved to Friday, October 8th.* It will be a game night; all youths age 13 and up are invited.

ATTENTION DRIVERS: We will be hosting the New York **Defensive Driving Class** in the McManus Parish Center on **Saturday, October 29th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Completion of this course reduces up to 4 points on your driver's license and will lower your auto liability and collision insurance premiums by 10% for 3 years. The cost of this course is \$49. **To enroll, please call Chris Morea on (800) 492-9444 or (718) 824-9698.** Register now, seating is limited!

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Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Twenty- Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 1 (Vigil Mass)

5:00 PM Ida & Angelo Greco +

Sunday, October 2

8:30 AM Robert Liddell +

10:00 AM All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM Carole Ferraro +

5:00 PM Stephanie DeRosa (living)

Monday, October 3

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Nurys Perez +

Tuesday, October 4

Saint Francis of Assisi, religious

7:00 AM Frank & Carmela Gerace +

9:00 AM Father Francis' Special Intention

Wednesday, October 5

Weekday

7:00 AM Jeff Milowe +

9:00 AM Frances Nanoia +

Thursday, October 6

Weekday

7:00 AM Rita & Paul Bolduc (living)

9:00 AM John S. DelBene +

Friday, October 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

7:00 AM Louis Manzi +

9:00 AM Stephen Hickey +

Saturday, October 8

Weekday

9:00 AM Frances Nanoia +

Saturday, October 8 (Vigil Mass)

5:00 PM Pete & Helen Pietrowski +

Sunday, October 9

Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Giulia Marchionno +

10:00 AM Richard Jacob +

11:30 AM Caroline Longobardi +

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 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!

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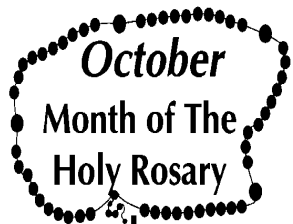
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- I am a visitor.
- I am interested in parish membership.
- Change of Address / Telephone Number.
- I am moving out of the Parish.
- I am going to the hospital.
- I would like to be visited by a priest / minister.
- Please send me the *Catholic New York*.
- I would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith.



Remember to invite your family and pray the Rosary with them today and everyday throughout this month of October. By praying the Rosary you are requesting the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary for the protection of your family and for the faith and

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you may be encountering in life.

