

THE CARING GOD

1 Kings 17:17-24; Psalm 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Gal. 1:11-19; Luke 7:11-17

Kay and Rodney Bevington lost their only child in 1980, shortly before he celebrated his sixteenth birthday. In 1988, they set up a foundation (Alive Alone) to help grieving parents who have lost their only child or all their children, cope with their loss. In one of her articles, *Coping with the Death of an Only Child / All Children*, Kay wrote, "Having a child die is the ultimate grief that any parent will ever encounter. Having one's only child or all children die, compounds that ultimate grief to the point of being unthinkable for most people in our society today." Without a doubt, parents, especially mothers who have lost a child would agree with Kay one hundred percent.

The death of a child from any cause or at any age is the most devastating experience that a parent will ever encounter in one's lifetime. The common belief is that "parents are supposed to die before their children or at least that is what we are conditioned to believe in our society in the United States and many other countries. When our child/children die it affects us emotionally, physically, psychologically, socially and spiritually." Thus, we could imagine the pain that the mothers in today's scripture readings went through after each lost her only child. Some cultures believe that the death of a child cannot happen by natural cause; there must be some supernatural force behind it. It could be as a result of evil force, witches or possibly as a result of the sins of the parents. In today's first reading we encounter the widow who thought that her child died because of her sinfulness. Thus, she said to Elijah, "Why have you done this to me, O man of God? Have you come to me to call attention to my guilt and to kill my son?"

Sometimes, like the widow, when you and I experience tragedy we tend to react and think that God has caused it as a punishment for something we have done wrong. In her eyes, the presence of the holy man in her house reveals God's anger about her hidden faults. That is far from the truth. In the second reading, St. Paul wants us to understand that God's love for you and me cannot be compromised because of our past lives and behaviors. "I want you to know...that the gospel preached by me is not of human origin. For I did not receive it from a human being...it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ." St. Paul was a persecutor of God's Church, and was determine to kill anyone who professed to be a Christian. But God did not count his past deeds against him, instead, He chose him as one of His beloved apostles and ardent instrument to bring other people back to God.

The God you and I worship is a loving and compassionate God - slow to anger and abounding in mercy. He is a God that brings life not death to those who fear Him. We see this made manifest in Jesus' outreach of compassion and love to the widow whose only son had died. The scripture tells us that Jesus "was moved with pity for her and said to her, Do not weep." In times of desolation - when you are faced with difficulties and life's challenges, you should feel the presence of Jesus. You must invite Jesus into your affairs and believe that He has the power to make your burden light. Open up your heart and embrace Jesus as He reaches out to touch you and whispers into your ear - "Do not weep! I tell you, arise!" Arise from your slumber because "God has visited His people." He visits you to help you cope with your anxieties and worries. See, you are alive again!

Rev. Anthony Ita Bassey, MSP

PARISH NEWS



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

**MEETING:** This Monday, June 10<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.



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 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m.** in the School building. Please save the date!



Next Sunday, June 16<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 16<sup>th</sup> and will end on Monday, June 24<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.



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

Have you returned your Raffle stubs for our Annual Parish Raffle? The winning ticket for our latest fundraising effort will be drawn at this year's **Parish Picnic on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>**. One lucky participant will take home the 50/50 prize that has already topped \$2000 and is still growing - just in time to kick off summer!



We've included an extra raffle book in today's bulletin in the hopes of increasing participation and your luck! Raffle Books and donations can be placed in an envelope marked **Raffle** and dropped in the collection basket, or dropped off/ mailed to the Rectory Office. **Please make all checks payable to St. Bartholomew's Church.** Raffle Tickets are \$2 each or a book of six tickets costs \$10.

Please help make this fundraising effort a success. Good luck and God bless

## TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### THE CARDINAL SAYS “THANK YOU” TO YOU!

May 28, 2013

Dear Father Bassey,

**Congratulations** to you and St. Bartholomew Parish on exceeding your 2013 Cardinal's Annual Appeal goal! Fundraising is never an easy task, especially in these difficult financial times. But I am pleased to report that we are on track to reach \$20 million this year, our highest Appeal goal yet. This would not be possible without you.

Please know how deeply grateful I am to you and your parish community. As one family in faith, we have a responsibility to guarantee that the Church remains vibrant and continues to serve our brothers and sisters in need. Thanks to your leadership, you have helped ensure that the good works of the archdiocese can continue. Keep up the good work!

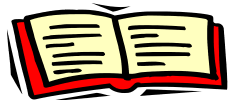
With **renewed gratitude** and prayerful best wishes, I remain

Fraternally in Christ,  
Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan  
Archbishop of New York

The second **YOUNG ADULT MASS**, sponsored by **Shema Young Adult Group** will take place here at St. Bartholomew's Church next **Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m.**

Mass will be held monthly on the third Saturday of every month in a different parish each time and will be followed by social time at a nearby restaurant. Young Adults from all area parishes are invited to attend and bring friends. For further information, contact Angie Velazquez (914 689-4554 or [angiev8787@gmail.com](mailto:angiev8787@gmail.com)) or Father Shane Johnson (914 215-3557).

### Bible Study



will be moderated by our Parochial Vicar, Father Daniel Oghenerukevwe, MSP. Bring a friend!

### PARISH BIBLE SHARING / STUDIES

This Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, we invite you to come join your fellow parishioners in discovering more about the Bible at 7:30 p.m. in the School building. The session will be moderated by our Parochial Vicar, Father Daniel Oghenerukevwe, MSP. Bring a friend!

The **YOUTH GROUP** is sponsoring a Youth Rally for all youth 13 and older on Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., with guest speaker, Tony Belizzi, at the McManus Parish Center.



**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.

✠ **STEWARDSHIP** ✉  
What shall I render unto the Lord  
for all his benefits to me?

### TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

#### June 3, 2012

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

#### June 2, 2013

Adults' Contribution	\$6149.75
Children's Contribution	\$110.50
<b>This Year's Total</b>	<b>\$6260.25</b>

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for the maintenance of our buildings and grounds totaled \$1529.90.**

Our Parish is forwarding a donation of \$1000 to the Archdiocese of New York, which will combine donations from all parishes and forward them to Archbishop Paul Coakley to help those affected by the recent tornadoes in Oklahoma. Individual donations made payable to St. Bartholomew's Church and marked Oklahoma Relief Fund will also be forwarded to the Archdiocese of New York.

### 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, Andy DeFabritis, Maria Marte, Barbara Rup, Jule Yaskovic, Rosalie Heit, Florence B. Swetz, Clare Yaskovic, Neil Caruso, Deacon James Byrnes, Andrea Objay, Carmen Torres, Frank Marra, Deacon Patrick Troy, Josephine Apuzzo, Edith Dugan, Gary Roth, Joyann Allan, Lois Burton, Mary DeStefano, Mark Cianfaglione, Shawn Colon, Margaret Maccia, Nicole Ryan Betancourt, Anthony Spinner, Audrey & Alfred Falcone, Kathleen Hayes, Marge Muraik, Stan Buoninfante, Donna Vasconez, Nicole Pisani-Frame, Louis Petrulo, Cynthia Swiatkowicz, Jimmy Maimone, Robert Mirsky, Roseanne Mercandetti, Louis Brusco, Josephine Daniele, Jennifer Dorsey, Valerie Riccardi, Fatima Panik, Joanne Moscarello, Marian Fletcher, Anna Bonacci, Minerva Hernandez, Paula Parente, Barbara Olivieri, Bridget O'Malley, Anna Brucculeri, Peggy Clevenberg, Gerald Mazzerese, Jr., Patricia Keane, Louis Milone, Joey Bastardi, Carol Stola, Amada Ortiz, Karen Aprea, Stephen Sarich, and Neil Cawley.

### ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA'S MASS

**A Mass in celebration of the feast of St. Anthony will be held on Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. Please join the ladies of the Rosary Altar Society, Fr. Anthony Bassey, MSP and all who go by the name "Anthony" in this celebration. St. Anthony's bread will be given. All are welcome! Please bring a friend alone!**

JUNE 9, 2013

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Mass  for the  
Intentions Week

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**Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, June 8 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Christine Serricchio Bellino +

**Sunday, June 9**

8:30 AM Deceased Members of Zucconi Family

10:00 AM George & Eleanor Tiplady +

11:30 AM Anna Giuriceo +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

**Monday, June 10**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Rolando Dumalag (living)

9:00 AM Lauree Longonbardi +

**Tuesday, June 11**

**Saint Barnabas, Apostle**

7:00 AM Anne Marie & Francis Byrnes & Grandchildren +

9:00 AM Carol A. Swetz +

**Wednesday, June 12**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Frank Salerno +

9:00 AM Angelina Brusco +

**Thursday, June 13**

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

7:00 AM Deceased Members of Bolduc & Savard Families

9:00 AM Msgr. Vincent Case +

**Friday, June 14**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Albert Baumeister +

9:00 AM Margaret Maccia (living)

**Saturday, June 15**

**Weekday**

9:00 AM Carmela Magaletto +

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**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, June 15 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

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**Sunday, June 16**

8:30 AM Carmine Nicholas Maccia +

10:00 AM Fiore Brusco & Gabriel Nanoia +

11:30 AM Vincent Campisi & Juliann Campisi Moroch +

5:00 PM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Fathers

## YEAR OF FAITH



In the beginning of his homily during the Mass of Ordination to Priesthood for our Archdiocese, the Friars of the Renewal and the Identity Fathers, Cardinal Dolan recalled the words of Blessed John XXIII: "Holy Mother Church rejoices." It certainly did that day when our brothers in Christ received the Second Order of Holy Orders. In the greatest of counter-cultural acts they gave themselves completely to the service of the Church and Her Lord. This weekend, again at Saint Patrick's, the people of God rejoice in the ordination of eight men to the permanent diaconate. Too many of our faithful members do not know about the first order of the sacrament. They use terms such as "lay deacons" to describe their role in the Church. Their misinformation might come from the fact that though the deacon is one who provided much service to the early church it was unknown as a permanent status until it was restored by Pope Paul VI at the behest of the Second Vatican Council's desire. The transitional deacon was one who was destined to be ordained a priest.

In his *motu proprio* or letter reestablishing the role of the permanent deacon, the Pope wrote: "Let the deacon, as those who serve the mysteries of Christ and the Church, abstain from all vice and endeavor to be always pleasing to God, 'ready for every good work' ... for the salvation of men. By reason, therefore, of the order received they must surpass by far all the others in the practice of the liturgical life, in the love of prayer, in the divine service, in obedience, in charity, in chastity." This is a brief description of a life that calls for spiritual, academic, and pastoral preparation. Presently, the norms of formation call for five years of training. From the beginning, his spouse is consulted for it is recognized that she and their children will at times be called to be sacrificial in spirit and that the deacon's calling will impact in a significant way family life. After a year of inquiry, there are two years of aspirancy, and finally two years of candidacy. Through that period of time the person is evaluated for as every seminarian is reminded as well, none have a right to ordination. During this time as well assignments are given to aid the aspirant or candidate to understand the nature of his ministry.

It would be an error to say that the permanent diaconate came about as a response to the shortage of priests. Their ministry is distinctive as we read in the Acts of the Apostles and in many of the early Church Fathers. As Pope John Paul instructed it is "above all a call to service." Both married and single permanent deacons (if a candidate is single, he must remain so, after ordination) were addressed by Pope John Paul II in his visit to the United States in 1987: "If we keep in mind the deep spiritual nature of this diakonia, then we can better appreciate the interrelation of the three areas of ministry traditionally associated with the diaconate, that is, the ministry of the word, the ministry of the altar, and the ministry of charity. Depending on the circumstances, one or another of these may receive particular emphasis in an individual deacon's work, but these three ministries are inseparably joined together as one in the service of God's redemptive plan. This is so because the word of God inevitably leads us to the Eucharistic worship of God at the altar; in turn, this worship leads us to a new way of living which expresses itself in acts of charity.

Ad Multos Annos to our new priests and their deacon collaborators. May God bless them and us!

