

LORD JESUS CHRIST, HEAL US ALL!

Isaiah 35:4-7a, Ps. 146:7-10; James 2:1-5; Mark 31-37

In today's second reading St. James exhorts you and me: "Brothers and sisters, show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ." As we mark the eleventh anniversary of the terrorists attack on US soil this Tuesday, we are starkly reminded of *man's inhumanity to man*. We are also being reminded of the adverse effect of hatred, antagonism and disunity between peoples.

Besides the 9/11 attacks, the effects of sanctioned and/or unsanctioned attacks have had adverse effects on millions of people and families around the world. Sadly enough, many parts of the world today are engulfed in violence. Our society has recently witnessed an escalation in gun violence. There is so much hatred between peoples. There is so much hate-filled rhetoric by politicians, religious and civil leaders. There is so much bigotry! Our Congress is controlled by politicians who advocate disunity and discrimination - Republicans would not want to be seen making a deal or agreeing with Democrats - the Liberals would not want to compromise their positions with that of the Conservatives. There is the scandalous dichotomy and disparity between the rich and the poor. Our society is divided along racial and cultural lines and boundaries. Christians and non-Christians alike continue to dehumanize other people, attempting to strip them of their value. As Father Edward Steiner noted in his homily in *The Priest*, "We (dehumanize others) in obvious ways such as justifying abortion and euthanasia. We do it to avoid having to help the homeless, (the poor and the disadvantaged). But we also dehumanize people we do not like or those who are different from us." It becomes much more painful and disheartening when the politicians and religious leaders politicize these issues.

In the midst of this culture of social intolerance and violence, Christians like you and me must always endeavor to live above the fray. We must always think of the consequences of violence and the rhetoric of war. We must learn to feel pain and hurt when we see how many lives are lost through violence around the world, even when we are not directly affected. Surely, when you and I meditate on these issues there seems to be a general apathy and despondency on our part. We are constantly reminded of how insecure and vulnerable you and I have become in our neighborhoods. At times we feel intimidated, afraid and frightened. We have become emotionally exiled and isolated in our own land! Sadly, in more ways than one, we have become despondent just like the Israelites who were held captive and enslaved by the Babylonians.

There is hope! God is our only hope! Through Prophet Isaiah He breaks through our despondency and says to us "whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, He comes with vindication...He comes to save you." In Christ, God comes to open our ears so that we can hear and understand His message of mutual love and unity. He comes to open our mouths so that you and I are able to proclaim His message of peace, and thus help rid the world of rhetoric and acts of hatred, war and violence. On this eve of the 11th anniversary of the terrorists attack, the Lord Jesus "comes to save you" and me. He comes to open the eyes of those who are blinded by selfishness. He comes with His vindication so that social discrimination and distinction might be eradicated. Show no partiality, instead, learn to appreciate and promote all human dignity!

Rev. Anthony Ita Bassey, MSP



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

MEETING: This Monday, September 10th, the Holy Name Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center. All men of the Parish are welcome.

The Parish Finance Committee will meet this Thursday, September 13th, at 6:30 p.m. in the School building. All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting.



MESSAGE FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

Welcome back from your summer break! We hope you bring renewed enthusiasm as we begin this new year of choir rehearsals this Tuesday, September 11th - children beginning at 5:45 p.m. and the adult choir at 6:45 p.m.



As we look forward to celebrating the "Year of Faith", we have additional reasons and opportunities to express our faith by singing the Lord's praises. Come join us! Welcome back! - Erika Podoprigora

OUR CHILDREN'S MASS RESUMES



Next Sunday, September 16th, we will have our first Children's Mass after the summer break. We urge parents to please make it a point to bring their child to the Children's Mass at 10 a.m. every Sunday with the exception of the first Sunday of the month, which is the Family Mass. We also ask parents to encourage their children, who are in 3rd grade and above, to sign up to join the Children's Choir to sing at the Children's Mass.

Registration for Religious Education classes for public school children, running September through June, is open. Classes are available for



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children in First 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.



ALTAR FLOWERS for this week have been donated in loving memory of Frances Naoia by Louis & Angela Brusco.

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



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE CARDINAL SAYS “THANK YOU” TO YOU!

August 16, 2012

Dear Father Bassey,

Congratulations on reaching and exceeding your 2012 Archdiocesan Stewardship Appeal goal! Your commitment to this fundraising effort has not only helped St. Bartholomew’s Parish reach its target, but has also assisted the entire archdiocese in ensuring that the good works of the Church can continue. Without your leadership and without the generosity of your good parishioners, we wouldn’t be able to do what Jesus asked us to do as His Church.

Your leadership of the parish is invaluable to all that we accomplish in this archdiocese and the Church universal. Please know how profoundly grateful I am, and be sure to pass along my thanks to all who contributed. Keep up the good work!

With renewed appreciation and prayerful best wishes, I remain

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

A PORTRAIT OF JESUS FOR OUR TIMES

Free Lecture by Father Joseph Girzone
Sunday, September 16th, 2:30 – 4 p.m.

Maryknoll Mission Center, 55 Ryder Road, Ossining
RSVP to Colleen Brathwaite, cbrathwaite@maryknoll.org, (914) 941-7639 ext. 2445

“What did ordinary people see when Jesus came walking down their street? What inspired them to draw close to Him? What made religious and political leaders suspicious of Him?” These are some of the questions the New York Times best-selling author will explore.

Father Girzone is a retired Catholic priest who writes, gives retreats, and directs the Joshua Foundation - a nonprofit dedicated to sharing a greater understanding of Jesus with the world.



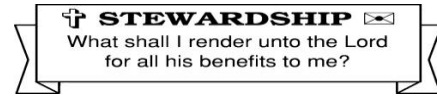
SOCIAL MINISTRY: Our Food Pantry has an ongoing need, for cereal, pasta sauces, canned fish/meat, canned fruits, rice, jelly, juices and beverage mixes. Please keep this in mind when you see sales on your trips to the supermarket. Thank you for your continuing support!

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.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

September 4, 2011

Adults’ Contribution	\$6085.00
Children’s Contribution	\$41.00
Last Year’s Total	\$6126.00

September 2, 2012

Adults’ Contribution	\$7363.90
Children’s Contribution	\$79.00
This Year’s Total	\$7442.90

The 2nd Collection for the maintenance of our buildings and grounds totaled \$1768.25.

“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.”

Thank you to all those who are participating in our *tithing program*! May God bless and reward your sacrifices! For those who are not yet tithing, I encourage you to please give it a prayerful thought. Thanks!

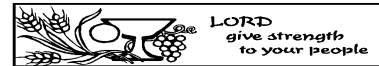
SEMINARY COLLECTION



Next Sunday, September 16th, you will have the opportunity to help train a priest by supporting St. Joseph’s Seminary in a second collection. Please, endeavor to be as generous as possible. Thank you!

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, Raymond Fitzpatrick, Sr., Deacon James Byrnes, Andrea Objay, Carmen Torres, John Esposito, 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, Gene DelBene, Nicole Pisani-Frame, Louis Petrulo, Cynthia Swiatkiewicz, Rose Botcheller, Silvia Georgi, Jimmy Maimone, Robert Mirsky, Steve Oddo, Roseann Mercandetti, Amelia Gagliardi, Louis Brusco, Josephine Daniele, Jennifer Dorsey, Valerie Riccardi, Fatima Panik, Joanne Moscarello, Marian Fletcher, Anna Bonacci, Minerva Hernandez, Paula Parente, Barbara Olivieri, Carol Swetz, and Bridget O’Malley.

A St. John the Baptist parishioner is in dire need of a kidney transplant. If you are over 18, have 0+ blood, have never been treated for high blood pressure, diabetes, or cancer, and are interested in being tested as a possible living donor, please call (914) 476-9787. All medical expenses of the living donor will be covered. Through safe laparoscopic kidney donation, there is less pain, 24-48 hour hospital stay, followed by 2 week recovery period, rapid return to normal activities, and a completely normal life expectancy. Please consider saving a life!

SEPTEMBER 9, 2012

*Mass for the
Intentions  for the
Week*

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 8 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Douglas McElmeel +

Sunday, September 9

8:30 AM Mary & Nicholas Maccia +

10:00 AM Louis Manzie +

11:30 AM Julieann Campisi Moroch +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, September 10

Weekday

7:00 AM Rita Bolduc +

9:00 AM Marcello Barcello +

Tuesday, September 11

Weekday

7:00 AM Deceased Members of the NY Police Department

9:00 AM Frances Nanoia +

Wednesday, September 12

Weekday

7:00 AM Deceased Members of Bolduc & Savard Families

9:00 AM Sofia Shannon & Steven Bellissimo +

Thursday, September 13

Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM Rita Bolduc +

9:00 AM Ellen Hoyles +

Friday, September 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7:00 AM 60th Wedding Anniversary of Frank & Edith D'Aquila

9:00 AM Stephen Hickey +

Saturday, September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

9:00 AM Victoria Shannon (living)

Saturday, September 15 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Sunday, September 16

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM DiPaolo & Fancellu Families

10:00 AM Deceased Members of Joseph Family +

11:30 AM Ricciardi & DiVenuto Families

5:00 PM Rafael Vazquez & Luis Mercado +

SEPTEMBER 9, 2012

RECOVERY SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 9TH

Today the Church in New York is celebrating **Recovery Sunday**. You are requested to affirm and pray for all those individuals and their families who are struggling with and in recovery from addictive illnesses. Addictive illnesses are many; among them are addictions to alcohol, drugs, relationships, and gambling. May we never fail to share Christ's love with these brothers and sisters!



SOME OF THE REASONS WHY WE NEED RECOVERY SUNDAY

- ❖ Addiction is the #1 health problem in America.
- ❖ It afflicts 1 out of 10 people sitting in church pews.
- ❖ Untreated addiction costs America \$400 billion per year in lost work productivity, health care expenditures, crime, motor vehicle crashes, etc.
- ❖ About 18 million Americans struggle with alcoholism, 6 million with addiction to drugs, and 6% of all Americans are addicted to gambling.
- ❖ Every day 36 people die and approximately 700 are injured due to car accidents involving alcohol and/or drugs, medications.
- ❖ 9 million children in America live with at least one parent that has the illness of addiction. Children in foster care who are removed from homes where addiction is active spend, on average, 27 months in foster care; increasing the need for social agencies to have child care programs.
- ❖ When a family is struck with addiction the effects go far beyond what numbers and statistics can describe – the emotions of failure, depression, anger, confusion & sheer terror.
- ❖ Every day millions of people struggle with addiction and millions more watch with feelings of hopelessness, as addiction coldly and systematically destroys lives.
- ❖ 20 of all Americans have used prescription drugs for non-medical reasons.
- ❖ Every adult American pays nearly \$1,000 per year for the damage incurred by addictive illnesses.
- ❖ 85% of all prison inmates are there due to alcohol/drug related crimes. One year of incarceration costs \$18,400. One year of out-patient addiction treatment costs \$4700.
- ❖ You and I are affected in one way or another. Prayers work miracles!



A RECOVERY PRAYER

We pray for those who suffer from addiction
Look upon them with compassion,
Restore to them the assurance of Your unfailing mercy,
remove the fears that attack them,
Take away the feelings of low self-worth,
And strengthen them in the work of their recovery.
And to those who care for them,
Give patient understanding
And the persevering love
That can only come from You.
Lord, in Your mercy please grant these requests. Amen.

