

FORMED TO BE IMPERISHABLE*(Wis. 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-13; 2Cor. 8:7,9,13-15; Mark 4: 35-41)*

"God did not make death, nor does He rejoice in the destruction of the living...For He fashioned all things that they might have being...For God formed man to be imperishable; the image of His own nature He made him."

If the above statement is true, why then do we have all the evils in the world? Why the various diseases? Why do our loved ones die? The truth of the matter is that it is "...by the envy of the devil, (that) death entered the world, and they who belong to his company experience it" (Wis. 1:13; 2:24). In the Book of Genesis God created the world and "saw that it was good." But Adam and Eve, by falling into the Devil's temptation brought pain and death into the world. Thus, St. Paul, writing to the Romans says, "...sin entered the world through one man...through sin, death, and later on death spread to all mankind, because all sinned" (Rom. 5:12).

A portion of the Book of Wisdom we read today as our first reading, was written about 100 B.C. to counter the adverse effects that the Greek philosophy was having on Jewish theology. The Greek philosophers had argued against the belief that God is All-Good: How could God be good, given the existence of evil - suffering and death in the world? In defense of the theology of God's existence and His goodness, the writer of the Book of Wisdom wants you and me to know that the evil in the world is not caused by God, but rather by man's pride and disobedience.

Surely, you and I do suffer the effects of sin and death - we get sick - we feel for our loved ones who are terminally ill - we witness pain and sufferings when we visit hospitals and/or homes. We all love life, thus, it is quite painful to see a loved one dying. It is much more painful, when it is a young person who is dying or who has died. It can be heart breaking for a parent to lose a child through death. In today's gospel we see a parent (one of the synagogue officials, Jairus) approaching Jesus and pleading with Him saying, "My daughter is at the point of death. Please, come and lay Your hands on her that she may get well and live." God did not make death, but He formed you and me to be imperishable, thus, Jesus says to him, "Do not be afraid; just have faith...The child is not dead but asleep."

Jesus' word is true, because for those who believe, "death (of the body) is not the end." God made us "to be imperishable" when we have eternal life with Him in Heaven. Unfortunately, like the woman in the gospel who suffered hemorrhages for twelve years, you may have been suffering from an incurable sickness for many years - you may have been suffering from the ill effects of a drug or alcohol addiction. It may be that your loved one is experiencing excruciating pain or is on a respirator. Possibly, you are so depressed that life seems meaningless to you, and you may have even considered suicide or homicide. These are the effects of sin and death, but you must remember, "God did not create death, but formed (you) to be imperishable." Therefore, like the synagogue official and the hemorrhaging woman, bring your troubles to Jesus in faith and truthfully say to yourself, "If I but touch His clothes, I shall be cured." Believe, and hear Him speak tenderly to you: "Do not be afraid; just have faith...My child, your faith has saved you. Go in peace and be cured of your affliction."

Rev. Anthony Ita Bassey, MSP

PARISH NEWS



Wishing all of you a happy, safe Fourth of July and a summer filled with good times, good friends, good health of spirit, mind and body. On Wednesday, July 4th, there will only be one Mass at 9 a.m.; and the Rectory Office will be closed.

The **ALTAR BREAD & WINE** for this week is donated in loving memory of Julieann Campisi Moroch by Althea & Alice Jacob.



SHARING COMMUNITY MEAL: This Thursday, July 5th, we will be preparing our Sharing Community Meal. Please bring your ziti or dessert to the Rectory. Doors will open at 6:45 a.m. The Sharing Community thanks all who participate. For information on this important effort, please call the Rectory Office.

HOLY HOUR: This Friday, July 6th, is First Friday. We will have our monthly Holy Hour at 1 p.m. On Saturday, July 7th, the Divine Mercy Holy Hour will begin at 3 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to participate in these wonderful devotions.



Religious Education Registration for Religious Education classes for public school children, running September through June, **is open**. Classes are available for children in 1st 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.

**MARRIAGE BANNS**

This is the second publication of marriage banns between Mary Jane George Edattel and Sandeep Samuel Masih; if you are aware of any reason they should not marry, according to the Catholic rite, please contact the Pastor, Father Anthony Bassey, MSP.

**CELL PHONE ALERT**

As you join us for sacred worship, we remind you to please **TURN OFF** your cell phone. Let your focus be on Prayer and the Presence of Jesus among us.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Angelina Brusco.

Rest in Peace

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CITY OF YONKERS ROAD WORK BEGINS AGAIN

Starting on Tuesday, July 10th, and continuing for about 3 weeks, the City of Yonkers will undertake construction on the water pipes under Palmer Road between Fero Street and Saw Mill River Road. This will necessitate the closing of the 2 entrance/exits to our parking lot on Palmer Road. All traffic in and out of our parking lot will have to go through Roosevelt Street. The City regrets any inconvenience this may cause.



"He gave strict orders that no one should know this...." Grow closer to your spouse in full privacy on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekend is August 10-12. For more information, call toll free (877) 697-9963, ext. 3 or visit www.wwme.org.

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.

The Archdiocese of New York takes stewardship of your donations and its resources seriously. If you have knowledge of financial misconduct or suspect that it might be occurring, please report your concerns via a toll free hotline, 877 820-0541, or on the internet, www.reportlineweb.com/ADNY. Both are available 24 hours per day.



FRIDAY, JULY 6th
1:30 – 7:30 PM
MCMANUS PARISH CENTER

St. Bartholomew's will be conducting its 72nd **Blood Drive this Friday, July 6th**. Please contact Tony Sciacca (423-3592) for an appointment. Thank you to all who will join us and all who have participated in our past drives.

REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES, LIVING AND DEAD

The Mass Books for both 2012 & 2013 are open and have availability. Consider giving a loved one the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf; also, consider offering the Altar flowers, Altar bread and wine, Altar candles, or lighting the Sanctuary lamp for your intention. Come to the Rectory Office, **Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.** to make arrangements or to inquire about the availability of a particular date.

The first Sunday evening of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass, our Youth Group meets in the McManus Parish Center. All youths age 13 and up are invited.



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

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 26, 2011

Adults' Contribution	\$5413.65
Children's Contribution	\$70.50
Last Year's Total	\$5484.15

June 24, 2012

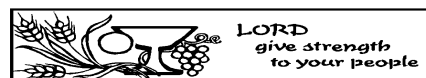
Adults' Contribution	\$5839.60
Children's Contribution	\$32.75
This Year's Total	\$5872.35

"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, our parish will take up the annual Collection for Black and Indian Missions. Our financial contribution helps to support Catholic American Indian communities on reservations, in rural areas and inner cities. The collection also supports African American evangelization programs particularly in the South. Let us unite ourselves with the love of Christ in supporting the Black and Indian Mission Collection with generous hearts.

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 Cianfaglione, 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, and Joanne Moscarello.

HOPE HEALING MASS: The Hope Healing Ministry will have a healing Mass on Saturday, July 7th, at St. Mary's Church, 23 South High Street, Mount Vernon, at 12 noon. There will be a rosary at 11:45 a.m. Father James Villa, OFM will be the celebrant. For information call Diane Harkin on (914) 423-4888.

JULY 1, 2012

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, June 30 (Anticipated Mass)

Weekday

5:00 PM Julieann Campisi Moroch +

Sunday, July 1

8:30 AM Lorenzo Marchionno +

10:00 AM Mary Ann Karpinski +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

5:00 PM Jose Angel Ocasio +

Monday, July 2

Weekday

7:00 AM Joyce Farrell +

9:00 AM Anthony Intrieri +

Tuesday, July 3

Saint Thomas, Apostle

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Enza, Rose & Gloria Savona +

Wednesday, July 4

Weekday - Independence Day

9:00 AM Frances Swetz +

Thursday, July 5

Weekday

7:00 AM Mary McCarthy +

9:00 AM Marion DeMuro +

Friday, July 6

Weekday

7:00 AM Christena Haughey +

9:00 AM Martina Conlon +

Saturday, July 7

Weekday

9:00 AM Giacomo Bilancia +

Saturday, July 7 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Teresina & Giovanni Brusco +

Sunday, July 8

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

10:00 AM Thomas Wyda +

11:30 AM Julieann Campisi Moroch +

5:00 PM Donald Swetz +

JULY 1, 2012

**WELCOME
TO
ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH**

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 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 (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!

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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Prayer for Our Nation



Dear Lord,
we call our country
"One nation under God"
when we pledge allegiance to our flag.
May we always remember that we are subject to You.
Help us always to recall that a nation is great
only so long as it worships You as its author.
Remind us that no nation can truly prosper
unless it acknowledges its dependence on You.
Give us the grace to remember always
that the true sign of strength for any nation or person
is how well we treat the weak and helpless among us,
and make us truly thankful for all You have given us
throughout our history. Amen.

