

A LOVING AND COMPASSIONATE GOD

2 Samuel 12:7-10, 13; Ps. 32:1-2, 5, 7, 11; Gal. 2:16, 19-21; Luke 7:36-8:3

The second Book of Samuel (11:2-27) tells the unfortunate story of human weakness, sin and its immediate consequences. David was a wealthy and successful king. One afternoon, overcome by his lust, he invited in Bathsheba, the wife of one of his army officers, Uriah, and committed adultery with her. When she became pregnant, David attempted to cover up his crime by having Uriah placed by the army commanders in a position where he would be killed. Unfortunately, Uriah was killed in battle. David later took Bathsheba as his wife. The Lord God was displeased with what David had done.

In 2 Samuel 12:1-15, the Lord sent His prophet, Nathan, to David to confront David about his sinful acts. Through Nathan, the Lord reminded David how gracious He had been to him, and how He, the Lord, had been generous and could have continued to be generous to David had he requested any good thing from Him. Instead, "Why have you spurned the Lord and done evil in His sight?" The Lord further threatened to destroy David and his entire household. David was humbled. He admitted his faults, regretted his actions and said to Prophet Nathan: "I have sinned against the Lord." Nathan replied and said to him: "The Lord on His part has forgiven your sin: you shall not die."

By his actions, David had sinned gravely. He did not only commit adultery, but he also destroyed a life in the process. In contemporary society, the justice system would have prosecuted him for adultery, homicide and concealing of evidence; and if convicted, he would have spent the rest of his life in jail. In the undemocratic judicial systems, David would be executed, hanged, or stone to death for his crimes. But the difference is that our God is all loving, merciful, and compassionate. Thus, in Psalm 130:3 we read: "If You, O Lord should mark our evil (guilt), Lord, who could survive? But with You is forgiveness, and for that You are revered."

Yes indeed, the God you and I worship and serve is full of mercy and compassion. He is always ready to forgive our sins when we acknowledge our sins and return to Him with a humble and contrite heart. Like David, we may still have to fulfill our penance and compensate for our bad judgments and sinful acts, but God "on His part has forgiven you, and you shall not die." Unlike the justice system and unlike the Pharisee, Simon, as we honor all our fathers on this Fathers' Day, we pray that in all families, fathers will always be a sign of love and reconciliation. We pray that, unlike David, our fathers, by their words and actions, will be good role models to their wives and children and always be faithful to them. Unlike Simon, the Pharisee, in today's gospel, we pray that all of us will be slow to condemn others and be a living sign of God's love and compassion. On this Father's Day I exhort all fathers to have the humility of David and that of the "sinful woman" to admit to their faults and ask for forgiveness whenever they are not living up to the expectations of their wives and other members of the family. And may we always hear the Lord say to us through our loved ones, "I have forgiven you...you shall not die," in today's gospel, God does not judge nor condemn you. Like the "sinful woman" in the gospel, the Lord invites you and me to be humble, admit our faults, refrain from our sinfulness and return to Him Who loves us in spite of ourselves. He invites you to come to Him in the sacrament of reconciliation, where He will touch you and say to you, "Your sins are forgiven...Your faith has saved you, go in peace."

Rev. Anthony Ita Basse, MSP


PARISH NEWS



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL THE FATHERS OF OUR PARISH – WE LOVE YOU ALL!

May God bless each and every father in our Parish today and throughout the coming year.

JOINT PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: The Pastoral Council and Finance Committee will meet this Monday, June 17th, at 7:00 p.m. in the school. All members are encouraged to attend this very important meeting.

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 Parish Children's Choir will sing the Mass. The children are encouraged to sit together 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 **this Thursday, June 20th, at 7 p.m.** in the school building. Endeavor to attend!



ALTAR FLOWERS for this week have been donated in loving memory of Fiore Brusco and Gabriel Nanoia by Louis & Angela Brusco.



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

A special "Thank You" to the men of the Holy Name Society and Father Daniel who spent last Saturday cleaning out the basement of the church. It was an especially dirty job and above and beyond their Society bylaws. We are blessed to have their dedication to our parish! Thank you, guys!



RECITATION OF THE ROSARY: Join your fellow parishioners in praying the Rosary after the 9 a.m. Mass on weekdays and Saturdays.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME BACK, MONSIGNOR JOHN KENNEDY!

Monsignor Kennedy is arriving this Sunday and will be with us until Sunday, July 7th. We warmly welcome him back to our community, our neighborhood, and our Parish!



VISITING
PRIEST

FATHER'S DAY PRAYER



God our Father,
You govern and protect Your people
And shepherd them with a father's love.
You place a father in a family as a sign
Of Your love, care, and constant protection.
May fathers everywhere be faithful to the

Examples shown in the Scriptures: steadfast
In love, forgiving transgressions, sustaining
The family, caring for those in need.
Give Your wisdom to fathers
That they may encourage and guide their children.
Guide every father with the Spirit of Your love
That they may grow in holiness
And draw their family ever closer to You. Amen.

Have you noticed the **Bar Code** in the upper left corner of the front page of our bulletin? Just scan it with your smart phone and you will have instant access to our parish website. See, we are catching up with the use of modern technology little by little!



YOUTH MINISTRY

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

The winning ticket for our latest fundraising effort will be drawn at this year's **Parish Picnic next Sunday, June 23rd**. One lucky participant will take home the 50/50 prize that has already topped \$2200 and is still growing - just in time to kick off summer!



Raffle Books and donations can be placed in an envelope marked **Raffle** and dropped off/ mailed to the Rectory Office. Please help make this fundraising effort a success. Good luck and God bless!



On June 29th, at 5 p.m. all our parishioners and friends of the parish are specially invited to a Mass and a dinner in honor of our outgoing pastor, Father Anthony Bassey, MSP who is transferred to the Archdiocese of Chicago effective July 1, 2013.

It is our hope that you will join us to say "Thank You" and express our appreciation for the work Father Anthony has done in our parish in the past eight years.

STEWARDSHIP

What shall I render unto the Lord
for all his benefits to me?

TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

June 10, 2012

Adults' Contribution	\$5639.45
Children's Contribution	\$48.50
Last Year's Total	\$5687.95

June 9, 2013

Adults' Contribution	\$6917.90
Children's Contribution	\$82.30
This Year's Total	\$7000.20

The 2nd Collection for the Church in Africa totaled \$1709.15.

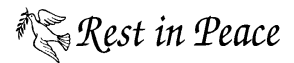
REMEMBER YOUR BELOVED PARISH

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.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Reverend Monsignor Joseph A. Dunne, who once was a summer Associate here at St. Bartholomew's Church and was the last living member of Monsignor McManus' ordination class.




Rest in Peace

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.

JUNE 16, 2013

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, June 15 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

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

Monday, June 17

Weekday

7:00 AM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Fathers
9:00 AM Antonio Darretta +

Tuesday, June 18

Weekday

7:00 AM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Fathers
9:00 AM Georgiana & Harold O'Mara +

Wednesday, June 19

Weekday

7:00 AM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Fathers
9:00 AM Virgilio Brizido +

Thursday, June 20

Weekday

7:00 AM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Fathers
9:00 AM Deceased Members of Luigi Campana Family +

Friday, June 21

Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

7:00 AM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Fathers
9:00 AM Roberto Capuano +

Saturday, June 22

Weekday

9:00 AM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Fathers

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, June 22 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Father Anthony Ordination Anniversary

Sunday, June 23

8:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish
10:00 AM Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart
11:30 AM Luciano Labruzzo +
5:00 PM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Fathers

JUNE 16, 2013

UNDERSTANDING & PARTICIPATING IN THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH IN THIS YEAR OF FAITH



As summer approaches it might serve the Church well if we celebrate the *Year of Faith* by reading and meditating on one or more of the documents of the Second Vatican Council. Because it is fifty years since its being convoked by Blessed John XXIII and then Venerable Paul VI, many faithful, clerical and lay, have not taken the opportunity to read its works.

In view of many misunderstandings and misstatements of well-known individuals it might be beneficial to examine, this week, the Decree on the Apostolate of Lay People. In calling for the participation of the laity in the Church's mission its introduction states: "All the more urgent has this Apostolate become, now that autonomy - as is only right - has been reached in numerous sectors of human life, sometimes with a certain relinquishing of moral and religious values, seriously jeopardizing the Christian life ... It is hard to see how the Church could make her presence and action felt without the help of the laity."

In its second chapter the Council Fathers made clear that the "mission of the Church, ... is not only to bring men the message and grace of Christ but also to permeate and improve the whole range of the temporal. ... The layperson, at one and at the same time a believer and a citizen of the world, has only a single conscience, a Christian conscience; it is by this that he must be guided continually in both domains." What is established by these words are three interrelated truths. The baptized person must, each in his or her own way, be involved in the Apostolate of the Church, as a catechist, liturgical minister, and dispenser of charity; or provide some sort of service; in the family, as a guiding parent or guardian, religious model, and loving spouse; in the world, as an ethical witness promoter of justice, and protector of life. Second, one cannot decide to surrender one's values because of possible negative responses from others or because of one's position in business or government. While it is true that none of us have the right to coerce another to accept our view of an issue, we do not have the right to forget that we are called to witness to the truth. If we fail to honor our commitment to the Church's faith and morals, we are placing ourselves outside the People of God. Third, the fact that we are a part of the Catholic Church does not mean simply that we must follow her teachings but it also means that when we stand up and sing the Lord's praises, beseech God's help, and witness to the verities of life, we are not alone: our brothers and sisters are one with us under the headship of Christ.

Pope Francis in speaking to the crowds of his public audiences, visiting communities of priests and religious, and reaching out to the parishioners of his diocese of Rome is showing the way of joyful witness, let us be united with him in Christian prayer and action.

The Annual Parish Family Picnic sponsored by the Holy Name Society is scheduled for 2ext Sunday, June 23rd, at St. Joseph's Seminary from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Please plan on attending this great family day. This week is the last chance for you, family and friends to purchase you tickets. **Advance purchase is required.**



Be part of the family fun time!

