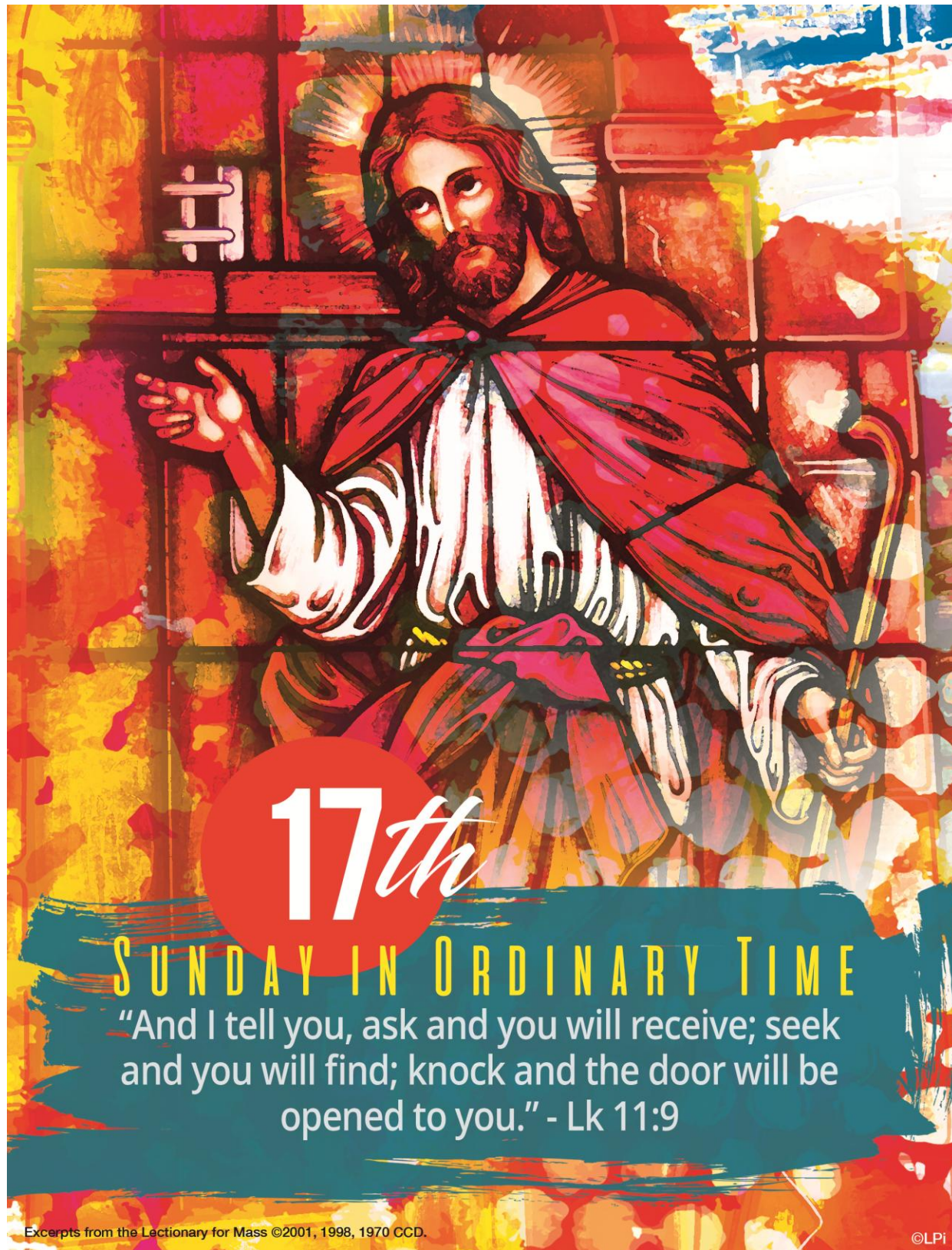


July 28, 2019



17th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” - Lk 11:9

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Pastoral Letter III

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Dear People of God, in our second pastoral letter we reflected on collaborative leadership of our parish. Parish councils and teams are the basic means that will enable all of us to take active roles in leading our Parish. As stated in

the previous letter, the Spirit of Christ is the guiding principle for of us. In this letter we would like to share some views on some of the basic parish councils and teams. We want all of us to know what are major functions of these councils and teams according to the universal law of our Catholic Church. We should keep in mind that some of the parish councils are obligatory in any catholic parish while others can be created out the need of the particular parish.

A. Parish Pastoral Council.

“I, after consulting the council of priests, the diocesan bishop consider opportune, a pastoral council is to be established in each parish. In this council, which is presided over by the parish priest, Christ’s faithful, together with those who by virtue of their office are engaged in pastoral care in the parish; give their help in fostering pastoral action.

The pastoral council has only a CONSULTATIVE vote, and it is regulated by the norms laid down by the diocesan bishop (can.536).

Through the parish pastoral council all the faithful get opportunity to express their baptismal responsibility.

The major task of the pastoral council is to assist the pastor in the pastoral running of the parish. The councilors fulfill their tasks by:

1. Investigating the pastoral reality of the parish. What are the pastoral needs of our parish.
2. Reflecting on what has been learned. What is God telling us from our pastoral investigation.
3. Recommending the sound conclusions to the pastor.

The councilors also assist the pastor in the pastoral planning of the parish. In the context of our parish from the members of the pastoral council we shall form a small strategic planning team.

B. Financial Administration

In accord with the law the pastor represents the parish in all juridical affairs. He should see to it that the goods of the parish are administered properly (can.532)

The pastor has the responsibility and the authority in canon law for the finances of the parish. He must administer the parish property and finances in accord with the universal law, diocesan policies and applicable civil laws. In fulfilling this duty he should hear the advice of the parish finance council and employed the services of qualified lay personnel to assist him.

The Parish Finance Council

“In each parish there is to be a council for financial affairs regulated by the laws of the Church and norms established by the diocesan bishop. The members of this council assist the pastor in the administration of the parish goods (can.537)”

A finance council is mandatory for each parish. The Major tasks of finance council are:

1. To prepare or review the budgets and financial reports.
2. Explaining the annual reports and the financial status of the parish to the parishioners.
3. Advising the pastor on issues on contracts, salaries, insurance, fund raising, leases, hiring and firing of employees, land and buildings, overseeing construction and renovation projects.

“Every juridical person is to have its own finance committee or at least two councilors who are to assist in the performance of the administrator’s duty in accordance with the statutes(can.1280)”

People of God, any human institution has its guidelines and principles. These principles help the institution to coordinate and ran its activities accordingly and smoothly. Our Catholic Church as an institution has her laws or guidelines that enabled us in fulfilling our mission as disciples of Christ. These Church laws are not burdens or restrictions to our freedom but they are guides that help us to live of freedom to the full.

The Roles of the Pastoral Council and Finance Council

These two consultative councils are very essential in the general pastoral administration of the parish. Both councils assist the pastor in the leadership of the parish.

As consultative bodies, the pastoral and finance councils do not work independently of the pastor. They do not enact policy on their own.

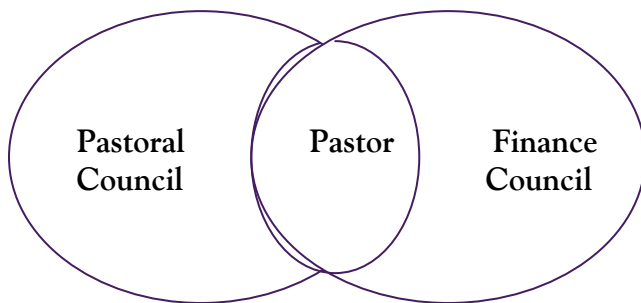
How are these councils relate to each other? The relationship depends on the way the pastor consults them. The pastor consults two different councils because he seeks something different from each. If the pastor seeks to know the pastoral realities of parish and pastoral planning of the parish activities, he consults the pastoral council. If the pastor wants to know the financial and material implications of the pastoral activities, he consults the financial councils.

In short we can compare these two parish councils with the two wings of a bird. As the bird cannot fly with one wing, so parish can't to a higher level with the assistance from the Pastoral and Financial councils.

Sts. Bonaventure-Benedict the Moor, pray for us.

Fr. Bartholomew Mrosso M.afr – Pastor

Pastoral Council & Finance Council



Most Reverend Bishop Sanchez will install Father Bartholomew Mrosso M.Afr as our Pastor on

**Saturday, October 5th at our 5:00 PM Mass
Details for Reception to Follow**

☞ 10:00 AM Mass Celebration

☞ 12:00 Noon Mass Celebration

- ✦ God's Healing for ~
 - Mauva Torrel & Dolly Jankee

☞ 5:00 PM Mass Celebration

- ✦ Healing prayers Theresa Addai

Weekday Mass
Monday thru Friday 8:30 AM - St. Benedict
Monday thru Friday 12 Noon - St. Bonaventure

Readings for the week of July 28, 2019
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1- 8 [3a]/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

Monday 7/29: **Joyful Mysteries - St. Martha**
Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-23 23 [1a]/Jn 11:19-27

Tuesday 7/30: **Sorrowful Mysteries**
St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Dr. of the Church
Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-13 [8a]/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday 7/31: **Glorious Mysteries**
St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday 8/1: **Luminous Mysteries**
St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Dr. of the Church
Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3-8a, 11 [2]/Mt 13:47-53

Friday 8/2: **Sorrowful Mysteries**
St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest
Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-11/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday 8/3: **Joyful Mysteries**
Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ecl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1]/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

Have a good Summer!

Please remember your church continues to need your help! The good work of your parish will not be diminished while you are away and we can't run off of our offering.

Thank you For your Sacrificial Giving to our Parish

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Together let's meet our weekly goal of \$6,000.00

- ✦ 10:00 Mass 89- \$ 972.00
- ✦ 12 Noon 103 - \$1,205.00
- ✦ 5:00 Mass 20 - \$ 346.00

The Finance Committee thanks all those who donated for our 2nd Collection to renovate the rectory to date collected \$2,213.00
We will continue our efforts today & next Sunday with a 2nd collection.



Please support the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal with Faith and Good Works
Goal: \$27,947.00

86 Pledged to date: \$23,338.00
You can also text 917-336-1255

We're almost there!!! \$4,609.00 to pledge!
Anything over goal comes back to parish!

Thank you!

Please help our parish by making your payments towards your pledge to...

Generation of Faith

Total Pledged \$500,010.00

Paid to Date: \$175,029.00



Troop 4454
Kick-off Event September 7th

Monday & Thursday's ✦ 7:30 PM
Youth Basketball & Karate: 5:00 – 7:30 PM
Adult Physical Training,
Self Defense & Karate 7:30 – 9:30 PM
St. Benedict the Moor Church Hall
See Mr. Sam or Sensei Rey

113th Precinct Community Affairs



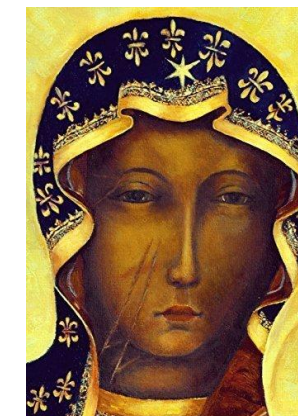
**Tuesday, August 6th
6-10 PM**

Baisley Pond Park
155th St. & Baisley Blvd.
More info call Community Affairs
718-712-1627
Bring picnic baskets, chairs & blankets



**Atlantic City Bus Trip
to Resorts Casino**

Saturday, August 10th
Leaving from St. Bonaventure at 8:30am.
Tickets \$45 with \$10 back to play.



Save the date

Trip to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa (The Black Madonna) Doylestown, PA on September 14, 2019. Bus leaves from St. Bonaventure at 6:30 AM sharp!
Price is \$50.00
Transportation, snack & Lunch included.