

September 22, 2019  
25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time



GIVE

SERVE




ATTEND

GROW

# Stewardship

RECOGNIZING GOD'S GIFTS &  
GIVING BACK IN GRATITUDE

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

 *There is power in every girl!*  
girl scouts Troop 4454  
Meet every 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday

## ✦ 10:00 AM Mass Celebration

Healing Prayers for ~  
○ Father Paul Palmiotto  
○ Cynthia Fairley  
○ Gloria Mears

✦ In Memory of Andre Christopher Gordon &  
✦ God's strength in helping to endure Anthony,  
Martina & Family  
Req. Maria Larocque & Marissa

## ✦ 12:00 Noon Mass Celebration

✦ St. Michael & The Archangels  
Req. Pascale Victor & Myrtha Bastien

✦ God's Healing for ~  
○ Father Paul Palmiotto  
○ Mauva Torrel, Renee Sampson, Irene  
Callwood –Jackson, Linda Hazel &  
Dolly Jankee

✦ In Memory of Blanche Correia  
Req. Beverly Correia

## ✦ 5:00 PM Mass Celebration

✦ Our Lady of Czestochowa  
Req. Pascale Victor & Myrtha Bastien

✦ Happy 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Hugen & Francoise Fils Moril

*2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for the Victims of Hurricane Dorian*  
God, my heart breaks as I see the devastation left in Dorian's path. Entire communities are destroyed. Families separated. Lives lost. Please grant grace to those who are grieving. Supply them with the help they need as they pick up the remains of their lives. Provide comfort to lives that have been shattered and healing to bodies that bear the effects of this storm. I lament with them. The brokenness of the world is all-too-clear today. Amen

Donations also collected at District Office located at 234-26A Merrick Blvd. M-F 10 AM-4 PM

# Pastoral Letter XI



Brothers and Sisters, we thank God for the gift of life and all that God has entrusted to us. Let us remind ourselves that who we are and what we have are gifts from God, and that we have responsibility to take care of. We have to take care of our

life and the life of others as the most precious gift that our loving God has entrusted to us. As members of Christ's body-the Church, Christ is urging us to take special care of the most vulnerable members of our society such as , the sick, the elderly and the children(Mt. 25:31-47).We also have responsibility of taking care of all the material things that God has put at our disposal for the good of all. The whole of creation is part of the material world that God is urging us to take care of for our own survival. Once we become aware that we are caretakers and not owners of what we have and even of who we are, we will become free from attachments to material things. And we shall give material things their proper place in our lives. That means we use materials things as means to sustain our short life on earth and help others who are in need of our care. We come to realization that what has been entrusted to us by God is not only for our own use but also for others. The ability to share materials things freely with others especially the poor who can not pay back, or offering for spiritual cause that might not pay back as material gains, shows that one is no longer possessed by the material things, but rather one becomes a steward of what is at his or her disposal.

### Stewardship

From biblical point of view we can define stewardship as a way of utilizing and managing all resources that God has provided for the glory of God. We believe that everything belongs to God.

*"The earth is the LORD's and all it holds, the world and those who dwell in it"(Ps.24)*

If all things belong to God including ourselves, then it follows that our lives are to be centered on God, and all the resources of the earth are to be taken care of and for the glory of God. We people of faith in God are called to be good stewards on earth.

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### Good Stewards

The following are the characteristics of good stewards;

- Good stewards are committed to selfless service.
- Good stewards believe in sustainability. They understand that they are building values not for themselves but for others and the future generations
- They practice inclusiveness. They always find a way to bring new blood into the organization.
- They embrace innovation and change. They welcome new ideas and fresh perspective
- They are good team players. They are quick to give others credit
- They are always grateful to God they serve.

### Bad stewards

- Bad stewards perpetuate the status quo only for the sake of preserving it. They resist change and are afraid of innovation
- They cultivate exclusivity. They shut out new volunteers. They stick to themselves and fail to welcome new comers
- They develop ownership mentality instead of stewardship mentality. They want to control every situation.
- They let selfishness creep into the organization
- They have lost sight of the organization's founding principles, substituting instead with what is expedient or best meet their needs.
- They are no longer accountable.

Sisters and brothers let us pray that the wisdom of God may prevail in us and within our hearts. Through this divine wisdom we may become aware that God is the only OWNER of everything on earth including ourselves. And that God has entrusted us with the responsibility of caring and utilizing all the resources including our talents for his own glory.

Fr. Bartholomew Mrosso M.Afr- Pastor

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

Readings for the week of September 22, 2019

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 [cf. 1a, 7b]/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Monday 9/23: **St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**  
Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday 9/24:  
Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-5 [1]/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday 9/25:  
Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday 9/26: **Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs**  
Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9  
**Happy Birthday Marissa Lewis**  
**In Thanksgiving George O. Anakhu**

Friday 9/27: **St. Vincent de Paul, Priest**  
Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday 9/28: **St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs**  
Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12a, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

**Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time:**  
Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

**Father Paul will offer his last mass before retirement on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM**  
**Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**101-41 91<sup>st</sup> Street**


**Most Reverend Bishop Sanchez will install Father Bartholomew Mrosso M.Afr as our Pastor on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at our 5:00 PM Mass Cultural Pot-Lock Reception to Follow**  
**Please share a dish**

*Thank you For your Sacrificial Giving to our Parish*

*thank you*

**For your Sacrificial Giving to our Parish Together let's meet our weekly goal of \$6,000.00**

- ✦ 10:00 Mass – 135 / \$1,256.00
- ✦ 12 Noon – 103 / \$ 1,155.00
- ✦ 5:00 Mass – 23 / \$458.00

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

**95 Pledged to date: \$23,478.00**  
**We're almost there!!! \$4,469.00 to pledge!**  
**You can also text 917-336-1255**  
**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: \$176,629.00**

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE!**

The Saint Vincent de Paul Ministry of St. Bonaventure-St. Benedict the Moor is actively seeking members! We are at a point in history when “advocating for social justice; and growing spiritually through the gift of self to others,” has never been more critical! One of the greatest challenges to “seeking and serving the distressed” is that of acknowledging that we are all vulnerable. If you have a passion for change with regard to “social justice”, e.g., health, education, environment, quality of life, diversity and inclusion, the Saint Vincent de Paul Ministry welcomes you. Please join us! “Live to give”!



It is our hope that you will come to see that Faith Formation is essential in your young person's lives. For an hour a week (2 hours if you count Sunday Liturgy) when they can gather with other children to concentrate on what it means to be Catholic, and to learn what the church and gospels teach us about being followers of Christ. The catechists are mothers, fathers, teenagers and grandparents that give of their time to share their faith with your children. We will do our best to make your children's time spent with us interesting and inspiring. We will do our best to teach the lessons, to pray with them, to involve them in activities that will build their faith.

**This cannot be done without you!**

What you do and say as Catholic parents is far more important and will teach your child far more than we can in that short hour of class. Your example, your attitude toward their faith formation speaks volumes. Please review the Gospel Weeklies (class work) with your child each week and share the activities with them at home. Attend Mass regularly so your child can experience you being part of the parish community that praise, worships and give thanks together. When you are at home talk about the gospel reading and the homily assist your children in learning how to reflect on not only its meaning but how they can live it out in their daily lives. Remember to pray at home as a family...before meals, at bedtime, before important events, remember that our children learn the most valuable lessons imitating the examples set by the adults in their lives, especially their parents/guardians.

**Special Notice to Parents/Guardians:** Your young person should receive their sacraments in the parish where the family is registered.



Our parish will soon begin our faith journey with opportunities for you to inquire about the Catholic faith. Please see Fr. Bartholomew Fr. Gazena, Ms. Debra & Ms. Carolyn.