

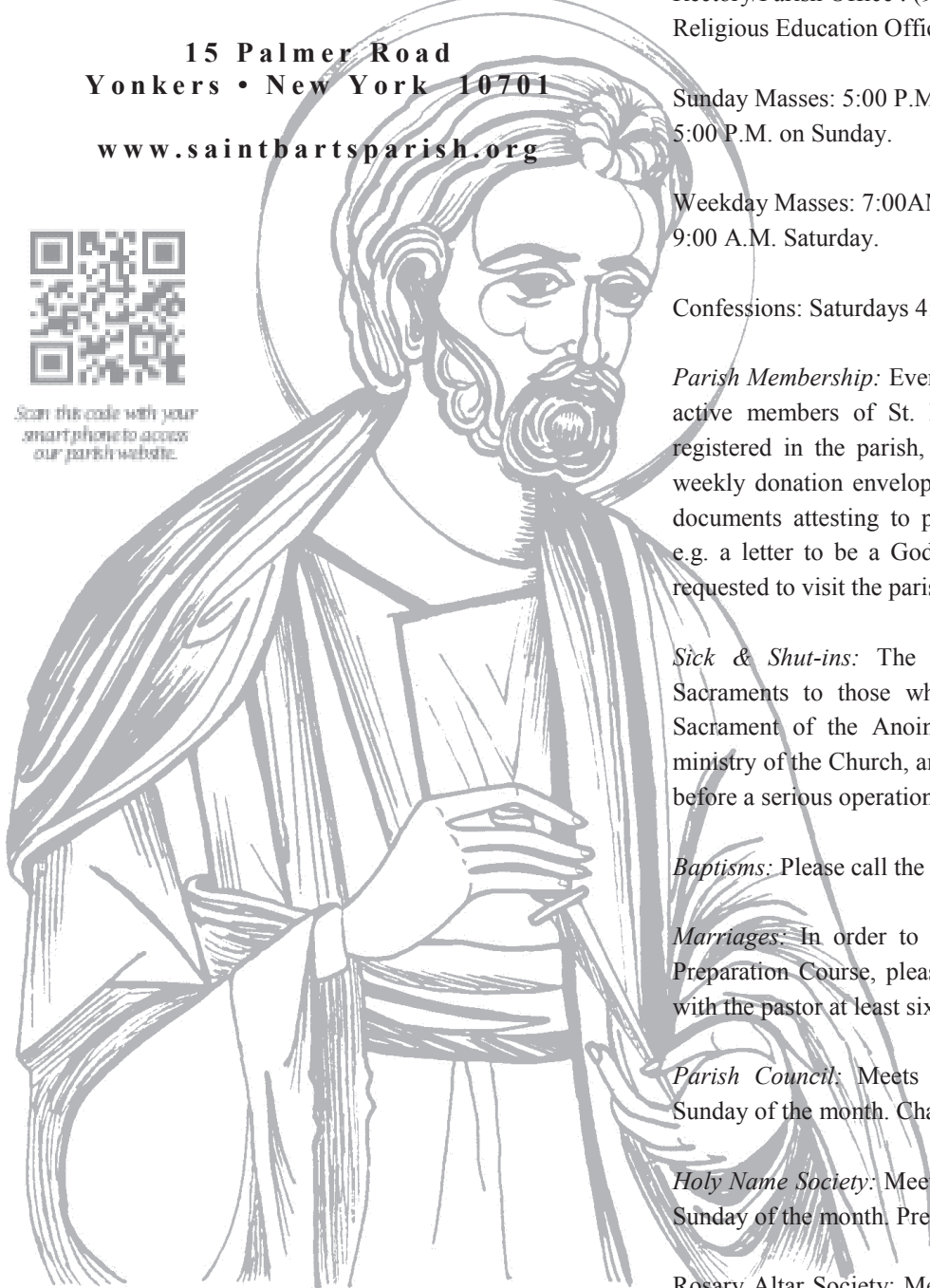
St. Bartholomew's Church

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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and the universal Church. We will strive to enrich our community spiritually, pastorally and socially, and to be a family of worship and prayer for all.

Rev. Raphael Ezeh, MSP, *Pastor*
Rev. Daniel Oghenerukevwe, MSP, *Parochial Vicar*
Deacon Robert A. Clemens
Cheryl Duda, *Religious Education Coordinator*
Erika Podoprigora, *Organist and Music Director*

Rectory/Parish Office : (914) 965-0566
Religious Education Office: (914) 476-6676

Sunday Masses: 5:00 P.M. on Saturday; 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 and 5:00 P.M. on Sunday.

Weekday Masses: 7:00AM & 9:00AM Monday through Friday; 9:00 A.M. Saturday.

Confessions: Saturdays 4:00 to 4:45 P.M.

Parish Membership: Every family and single adult to be considered active members of St. Bartholomew's Parish must be properly registered in the parish, receiving and regularly using the parish weekly donation envelopes. Only in this way can the parish issue documents attesting to parish membership and Catholic practice, e.g. a letter to be a Godparent or Sponsor. New parishioners are requested to visit the parish office.

Sick & Shut-ins: The priests are available to administer the Sacraments to those who are unable to come to Church. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is part of the healing ministry of the Church, and should be received early in an illness or before a serious operation.

Baptisms: Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

Marriages: In order to provide sufficient time for the Marriage Preparation Course, please call the parish office and ask to speak with the pastor at least six months in advance of the wedding.

Parish Council: Meets on the Monday evening after the third Sunday of the month. Chairperson: Richard Califano

Holy Name Society: Meets on the Monday evening after the second Sunday of the month. President, Dan Panik

Rosary Altar Society: Meets on the Monday evening after the first Sunday of the month. President, Joan Liddell

Bereavement Ministry: For information call (914) 965-0566, Tina Falcone

Trustees: Catherine Hickey, Aureo Pinto

PARISH NEWS

MERCY AND PEACE

May I please draw your attention to the following beautiful words in the four readings of this Sunday? They are, "Why Lord, should Your wrath blaze up against Your people, whom You brought out of Egypt with such great power?" ... "So the Lord relented in the punishment He had threatened to inflict on His people" ... "Have Mercy on me, oh God, in Your goodness"... "I have been mercifully treated because I acted out of ignorance in my unbelief"... "So that in me Christ Jesus might display all His Patience ..."

The Mercy of God is a theme which runs throughout the readings of this Sunday; and it is most echoed in the Gospel's parable which shows us God's mercy. Mercy is a compassionate disposition that through kindness or forgiveness shown, especially to a person one has power over, prevents something unpleasant from happening. True forgiveness brings about peace; it gives harmony, resolves conflict with no anxiety, results in mental calm and serenity of soul.

In the first reading, God forgives the people of Israel though they had gone back to the worship of idols. His forgiveness is gratuitous, and He does not put any condition to it. He does not await to see if they are going to deserve His forgiveness; He is led by love. Is that not PEACEFUL? The Gospel says exactly the same thing; what could the little sheep have done to merit the shepherd's attention? Nothing! It was lost, that is all. When we sin, we just get lost. We get lost when we act wrongly, either knowingly like the prodigal son, or like St. Paul who acted in ignorance. But God's mercy is forever there to bring us back into His peaceful embrace.

On the other hand, if we ask, "Are you holding onto any injury, insult, emotional humiliation, or are you nursing a grudge over something done to you by another?" Let it go, so that peace may reign in your heart. Yes, you may feel good if you take revenge but is that what God wants from you? I kindly employ you to be merciful just as your heavenly Father is merciful that peace may reign. (Lk.6:36)

In order that peace may reign in our lives, as God's children we are encouraged to forgive despite the feeling of being hurt or short-changed like the eldest son in the Gospel. When Mercy and Peace embrace, there is Joy (Ps 85). As Fulton Sheen puts it, "When we show mercy to those who do not deserve it, souls are saved. Unless souls are saved, nothing is saved, nothing is peaceful. Peace was the first gift of Christ after the resurrection and the most necessary for a healthy mind and body."

Let us end this reflection with a Prayer: Lord, show me Your Mercy and Peace. Fill my heart with Your forgiving Love. I am the younger child who ran away and has returned home. Thank you for receiving me back; and I am grateful that you have always been faithful to me. I am also the older Child who finds it hard to forgive my brother and sister as You have forgiven me. Touch my heart with Your forgiving Love. May joy, peace and mercy follow me now and always. Amen.

~ Fr. Daniel Oghenerukevwe, MSP

Registration for Religious Education classes for public school children, running September through June, is open. Classes are available for **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 be enrolled in a religious education program.** Please call (476-6676) for more information.



Religious Education helps to build a strong foundation

OUR CHILDREN'S MASS



The next two Sundays, September 22nd & 29th, we will have Children's Mass at the 10 a.m. Mass. We urge parents to please make it a point to bring their child to Church every Sunday. 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.

VOLUNTEER MENTORS NEEDED

In just one hour per week, you can impact a child's life by helping them with their literacy skills. Either during the day or after school, children need your help. **There is a special need for bilingual mentors to work with students who have recently arrived in the United States and attend the Yonkers Public Schools.**

For information contact Randee Ginsberg at 914-423-5009 rginsberg@jcy-wcp.com. Sponsored by the **JCY - Westchester Community Partners.**

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 17th - children beginning at 5:45 p.m. and the adult choir at 6:45 p.m.**



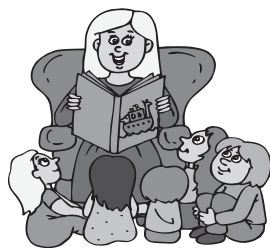
We look forward to this wonderful opportunity to express our faith by singing the Lord's praises. Come join us! Welcome back!
~ Erika Podoprigora



Father Fred, OSM Cap. from the Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries will be speaking in the school building **after the 5 p.m. Mass this Sunday, September 15th**, to all youth ages 13 and up. Parents are welcome to attend.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Today, throughout the U.S., is Catechetical Sunday. Each year we celebrate the importance of the catechetical ministry by recognizing our catechists and commissioning them to serve in this ministry. We thank the following catechists and program assistants for their dedication to handing on the faith to the children, youth, and adults in our parish. Catechists: Cheryl Duda, Debra Anderson, Ellen Califano, Loretta Capuano, Ellen Chimenti, Maryann Cook, Maryellen Esposito, Tina Falcone, Christine Fitzpatrick, Patricia Mahoney, Anne McShane, Roseann Mercandetti, Bernadette Novak, Joyce Pietrowski, Marianela Rodriguez, Maureen Schettino, Pamela Soriano, & Jackie Wong. Program Assistants: Paul Capuano, Alice Jacob, and Ann Marie Martelli. Special thanks to Amanda Albanese and Brianna Fontanello, High School students, who offer help with our youngest children.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

September 9, 2012

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Prayer for Catechists

Jesus, You told us that laborers for the vineyard would be few and that we should pray to the Lord of the Harvest in the hope that many might respond. You have answered our prayers by sending us catechists for Your vineyard.

Bless these men and women who have responded to Your call to the ministry of catechesis. May they be filled with zeal for Your Church, with care for those they catechize, and with love for Your Word of Life. Let Your Spirit come upon them so that Your Word may echo through their teaching and through the witness of their lives. Through our catechists, may the members of our parish whom they teach be transformed into witnesses to Your Word. And may these catechists receive the blessing Your Son promised to all who labor in Your vineyard.

We pray to You, gracious Father, in the name of Your Son, Jesus, the Word of Life, and in the unity of the Holy Spirit Who transforms us by that Word, one God, forever and ever, Amen.



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, Gary Roth, Joyann Allan, Lois Burton, Mary DeStefano, Mark Cianfaglione, Shawn Colon, Margaret Maccia, Nicole Ryan Betancourt, Anthony Spinner, Audrey Falcone, Kathleen Hayes, Marge Muraik, Donna Vasconez, Nicole Pisani-Frame, Louis Petrulo, Cynthia Swiatkowitz, Jimmy Maimone, Robert Mirsky, Roseanne Mercandetti, Louis Brusco, Josephine Daniele, Jennifer Dorsey, Valerie Riccardi, Fatima Panik, Marian Fletcher, Anna Bonacci, Minerva Hernandez, Paula Parente, Bridget O'Malley, Anna Brucculeri, Peggy Clevenberg, Gerald Mazzerese, Jr., Patricia Keane, Louis Milone, Joey Bastardi, Carol Stola, Amada Ortiz, Karen Aprea, Stephen Sarich, Neil Cawley, Barbara McCormack, Josephine Lehotyak, Father Raphael Ezeh, MSP, Lawrence Girsch, Fran Romano, and Patricia DeRosa.

CATHOLIC WIDOWS & WIDOWERS OF YONKERS will hold their monthly meeting at 7:15 p.m. on Monday, September 16th, in Father Anthony Hall, next to St. Ann's Big Church, 31 College Place, Yonkers. New Members are welcome. For more information, please call (914) 476-4436.

The CANCER SUPPORT GROUP will meet this Wednesday, September 18th, at 7 p.m. in Room 111 of St. John's Riverside Hospital, 967 North Broadway, Yonkers, for education & support to help cope with cancer. Call (914) 964-4441 for information.

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

EUCHARISTIC 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

2014 MASS BOOK IS OPEN

The Mass Book for 2014 opened on Ash Wednesday and there are still dates open in this year's Mass Book, as well. Consider giving a loved one or someone (living or deceased) who has a special place in your life the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. You may have a thanksgiving Mass offered for your loved ones or for yourself on such occasions as birthdays, wedding anniversaries, etc. Also, you may consider offering the altar flowers, altar bread and wine, altar candles, or 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.

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!

September 15, 2013

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Twenty- Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 14 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Frank & Angela Nanoia +

Sunday, September 15

8:30 AM Deceased Members of Joseph Family

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM Frank & Carmela Legio +

5:00 PM Rafael Vazquez & Luis Mercado +

Monday, September 16

Saints Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

7:00 AM Kafa Dababneh +

9:00 AM Eligio & Leonilda Vigorita +

Tuesday, September 17

Weekday

7:00 AM Donato Sacchetta +

9:00 AM Gene DelBene +

Wednesday, September 18

Weekday

7:00 AM Frances Romano (living)

9:00 AM Jameel Fraih +

Thursday, September 19

Weekday

7:00 AM Alfred Falcone +

9:00 AM Deceased Members of Joseph Family

Friday, September 20

Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs

7:00 AM Concetta Darretta +

9:00 AM Almira Dumalag (living)

Saturday, September 21

Saint Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

9:00 AM Dennis Madonia +

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 21 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Jerry Pisacreta & Betty D'Angelo +

Sunday, September 22

8:30 AM Rita Bolduc +

10:00 AM Lawrence Tiplady +

11:30 AM Concepcion Ocasio +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

September 15, 2013

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH !

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.

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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, or (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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Looking for a (Better) Job?

If you are unemployed, underemployed, or simply looking for a better job, you can attend the FREE Help & Hope Career Coaching Program offered by Catholic Charities Community Services. **Ann Ruecker**, MPA, MA CPCC will provide you with practical information and follow up strategies. The **program consists of two group sessions** and 1:1 optional follow ups for a minimal fee:

Session 1: Monday, September 23rd, from 6 - 8 p.m.

Session 2: Monday, September 30th, from 6 - 8 p.m.

Location: Most Holy Trinity Church
320 Boston Post Road, Mamaroneck, NY 10543
Park behind the church; follow Religious Ed Bldg signs. **To register or for more information**, please call Karen Reynolds at (914) 476-2700.