

St. Bartholomew's Church



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Sunday Masses: 5:00 p.m. on Saturday;
8:30, 10:00, 11:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Weekday Masses: 7:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m. 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

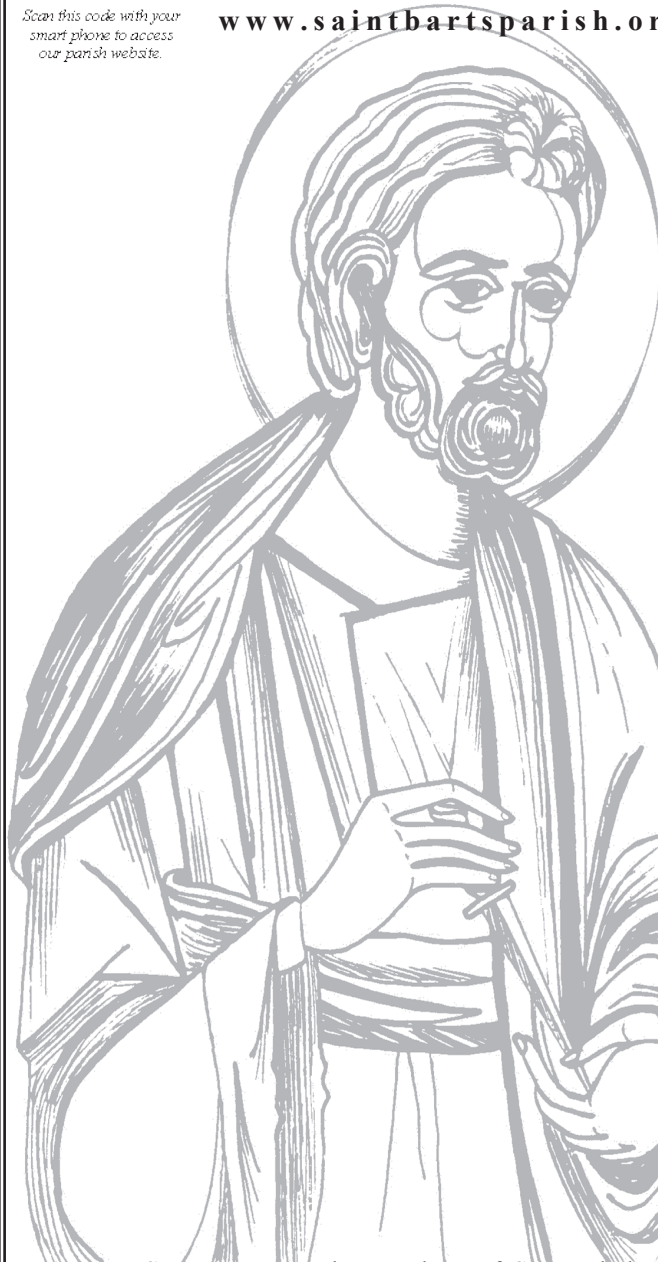
Holy Name Society: Meets on the Monday evening after the second Sunday of the month. President, Dan Panik

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

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.



WHEN THINGS FALL APART...

I was discussing the emergence and activities of the group that calls itself the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) with someone a few days ago. We wondered why the key Islamic states have not come out to forcefully and convincingly confront and condemn the activities of these new and radical extremists. If they have done so, it's only too little and too late. In Nigeria, the rag-tag Islamic militant group that calls itself Boko Haram, began like a joke. And the Islamic leaders never spoke up. Only when the rest of the world began to condemn the activities of the group did we hear a few prominent voices. Once again, too little and too late!

One of the beauties I see in our Christian religion, especially the Catholic Church, is that we have a good power or leadership structure. The bishops listen to the Pope and the priests and other Church leaders listen to the bishops and their religious leaders. Thus when something is going wrong, it is easier to address it. When someone or a group of adherents are going astray, it is easier to confront or challenge them. It is also easier to let the rest of the members world wide know that that person or group are wolves in sheep's clothing.

I sincerely, don't know, and I strongly doubt that Islam has such a structure. So, every extremist group sprouts up and proclaims its own horror-filled agenda and sets out to implement it. Worse still, they always seem to arrogate all powers and doctrinal authorities unto themselves. No one seems able to assert any authority, political or religious or doctrinal whatsoever over them. Worse still, no one seems able to stave off their influence, over the vulnerable Moslem populations whom they soon confuse and convert to their radical ideas.

What do all these have to do with the readings today? Jesus commissions the apostles and the community to wade into conflicts between members and by extension global conflicts that affect God's children everywhere. The Church has mostly done well in this area. Hopefully, even those who don't believe or those against a structured or organized religion will see this as one of the gains of having a good leadership structure versus a very loose one or none at all. So, I invite us to cherish what we (the Church) have done over the years in terms of challenging wrong doers and reconciling feuding or conflicting members and non-members alike.

On an individual level, Jesus has also empowered us to confidently face conflicts that tear apart the fabrics of our relationship with one another. He gives us a wonderful strategy on how to succeed. Our families are also empowered to wade into conflicts that tear our family members apart. The same goes with our parishes. We pray for the grace and courage to always seek and work for peace. May we never be afraid of challenging or confronting one another when we go astray. Amen.

IN THANKS & PRAISE

To all who helped to make Fr. Daniel's send off party a memorable one. We thank the Youth and Adults who sang at the Vigil Mass. Once again, thanks for the wonderful and loving ways you welcomed him to St. Bart's. May the Lord continue to bless each of you and your loved ones. Amen.

9/11 PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD

This coming Thursday, September 11th, we want to hold an Evening of Prayer for Peace In The World. Please join us at 6 p.m. We will begin with Eucharistic Exposition in the Church, followed by a Rosary procession around the block. We'll end with Benediction in the Church. It will last an hour only. Please come join us to pray for peace in our families, in our country, in the world, especially in the Middle East and other hot spots of the world.

WELCOME BACK



We welcome everyone back from the summer vacation and rest. I hope you had a restful summer. Sometimes we need a rest from our vacation. Anyway, we're back to school and back to full parish activities. We'll be rolling out our new Parish Pastoral Plan, too. Details will be coming soon. Please give it all your support.

Have a blessed week!

Father Raphael Ezech, MSP

The **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY** will hold their first meeting this Monday, September 8th, at 7:30 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center. All women of the Parish are invited to attend.

The **SANCTUARY LAMP** for this week has been donated in loving memory of Vito J. DeSantis.



OUR CHILDREN'S MASS RESUMES

Next Sunday, September 14th, we will have our first Children's Mass after the summer break. We urge parents to please make it a point to bring their child to the Children's Mass at 10 a.m. every Sunday with the exception of the first Sunday of the month, which is the Family Mass. 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.

Anyone in 5th Grade or above who is interested in serving our community as an Altar Server or Lector should contact Cheryl Duda (914 476-6676).

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN THIS WEEK



Classes for Religious Education for public school children, running September through June, **begin on Tuesday, September 9th**. On that first day, parents are asked to bring their children to the church for class assignment.

It is not too late to register. 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 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 enroll in a religious education program.** Please call (914 476-6676) for more information.

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

COME, JOIN US!

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

The Rosary Altar Society was founded in 1943, for the purpose of promoting devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary among all, but especially among the women of the parish. For 70 years, the Society has played an active role in promoting spiritual growth among its members and the Parish.

The ladies of the Society, apart from cleaning the sacred linens used at Masses, also clean the Altar and Church at Christmas and Easter, and make available items necessary for the Altar and the Sanctuary, thereby, enhancing our liturgical worship.

Members of the Society gather to worship as a group on the first Sunday of every month (September through June) at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. They meet at 7:30 p.m. on the Monday following the first Sunday to discuss and plan activities for the Society. They always close the meeting with coffee/tea and desserts.

The Society is looking for additional members; therefore, we encourage any woman of the parish who is interested in joining this illustrious group of women to call **Joan Liddell** at 914 476-6860 or the Rectory Office at 914 965-0566.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The Society of the Holy Name of Jesus was founded in 1945, with the objective of promoting the spiritual welfare of the men of the parish and also promoting greater participation in parish life and cooperation among men of the parish.

For 66 years, the Society has helped by donating material assistance to the needy members of our community. They also organize various social events that often bring the parishioners together as a family.

Members of the Society gather to worship as a group on the second Sunday of every month (September thru June) at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. They meet monthly at 7:30 p.m. on the Monday following the second Sunday to discuss and plan activities for the Society. The meeting always ends with dinner and other social activities. These are men who like to have fun. Come join us!

The Society is looking for additional members. Membership is open to any practicing Catholic man, 18 years or older, who would like to "hang out" with men that will help him feel a sense of belonging in the parish family of St. Bartholomew. For further information contact **Dan Panik** at 914 391-9260 or the Rectory at 914 965-0566.

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.

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 *Last Weekend's Contribution Comparison*

	9/1/13	8/31/14	Difference
Adults	\$5,054.40	5,486.45	+\$ 432.05
Children	\$ 37.65	\$ 33.50	-\$ 4.15
Total	\$5,092.05	\$5,519.95	+\$ 427.90

SEMINARY COLLECTION



Next Sunday, September 14th, you will have the opportunity to help train a priest by supporting St. Joseph's Seminary in a second collection. Please, endeavor to be as generous as possible. Thank you!

"WHAT WE HAVE DONE FOR OURSELVES ALONE DIES WITH US; WHAT WE HAVE DONE FOR OTHERS AND THE WORLD REMAINS AND IS IMMORTAL."

~ Albert Pike



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ethel Thomas, Aldina Pereira, Rebecca Conroy, Andy DeFabritis, Maria Marte, Jule Yaskovic, Rosalie Heit, Florence B. Swetz, Clare Yaskovic, 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, Nicole Pisani-Frame, Louis Petrulo, Cynthia Swiatkowicz, Jimmy Maimone, 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, Gerald Mazzerese, Jr., Patricia Keane, Carol Stola, Amada Ortiz, Karen Aprea, Stephen Sarich, Neil Cawley, Barbara McCormack, Josephine Lehotyak, Lawrence Girsch, Fran Romano, Joe Forlini, Michael Treacy, Rosemarie Petti, Marie Murtha, Mary Walsh, Natalie Marrero, Richard Meyers, John Palermo, Carlo Gentile, Angelo Gianfrancesco, Vince Delgado, and Charles Wighton.

The Mass Book for 2015 opened on Ash Wednesday and there are still some 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.

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Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 6 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Leonardo, Michele, & Carmelo Terrusa +

Sunday, September 7

8:30 AM Mary & Nicholas Maccia +
10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish
11:30 AM Vincent Campisi, Anna & Anthony Faracco +
5:00 PM Patricia Roth +

Monday, September 8

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM Maria & Cecilia Nguyen +
9:00 AM Rev. Adaly Rosado, Jr. (living)

Tuesday, September 9

Saint Peter Claver, Priest

7:00 AM Rita Bolduc +
9:00 AM John M. O'Rourke +

Wednesday, September 10

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Marcello Barcello +

Thursday, September 11

Weekday

7:00 AM Violetta Morra +
9:00 AM Fallen Members of the NYPD +

Friday, September 12

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Sofia Shannon & Steven Bellissimo +

Saturday, September 13

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9:00 AM Nicola Lalli +

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Saturday, September 13 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Frank & Carmela Legio +

Sunday, September 14

8:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish
10:00 AM Frank & Angela Nania +
11:30 AM Gene Del Bene +
5:00 PM Rafael Vazquez & Luis Mercado +

September 7, 2014

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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practice of the faith and Parish membership, e.g. a letter to be a Godparent or Sponsor. For further information call the Parish Office on 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 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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Grandparents Day, September 7



Grandparents Day is celebrated by many Americans in September. Promoted by Marian McQuade of West Virginia in the 1970's, a bill was finally signed into law by President Jimmy Carter in 1979 designating the Sunday after Labor Day as National Grandparents Day. Mrs.

McQuade's work with seniors made her particularly attentive to shut-ins and other elderly not fortunate enough to have family members close by. She viewed National Grandparents Day as an opportunity for children to adopt a grandparent and so provide some friendship to those who might now be alone in their later years.