# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. -1John 3.1a Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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 Deacon Robert A. Clemens Karen Maccia McKenna, Parish Administrative Assistant Cheryl Duda, Religious Education Coordinator Erika Podoprigora, Organist and Music Director

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

Masses: 5:00 p.m. on Saturday (Vigil); 9:30 (also live streamed) and 11:30 a.m. on Sunday

Weekday Masses: 7:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m. (also live streamed) Monday

through Friday;

9:00 a.m. Saturday (also live streamed)

Confessions: Saturdays 4:00 to 4:30 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.

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

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

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

Trustees: Sam Farraj, Anna Legio

St. Bartholomew's Church **Yonkers** 

#### WE ARE ALL IN NEED OF GOD'S MERCY

Sainthood would seem to be a very exclusive club like the Hall of Fame or a group of Lifetime Achievement winners, but the com-



munion of saints is actually much larger than just the saints formally recognized by the Catholic Church. John's vision in Revelation of an uncountable multitude gives a good picture of those in the presence of the Lord for eternity. Each and every one of us can aspire to this out-

come; it is not restricted to those who live unimaginably exceptional lives. For all we know, there may be thousands of saints for every saint who has actually been canonized. We are all called to be saints, so let us strive to be holy in our nevertheless ordinary lives.

"My kingdom does not belong to this world," Jesus said to Pilate before He was sentenced to death (John 18:36). The Beatitudes begin and end with references to the kingdom of heaven. Jesus promises heaven to those who are poor in spirit. Their poverty makes them dependent upon God's mercy and so they grow in trust in the Lord. He also assures the kingdom of heaven to those who are persecuted for the pursuit of righteousness. They spend their lives opposing the cynical, indifferent, and corrupt people who are content to see wickedness thrive. Truly, they are confessing an allegiance to a kingdom beyond this world.

In November we remember all those who have died. In fact, tomorrow we celebrate today's complement. The communion of

saints joins us together with those in heaven in a spiritual family. What's more, as John puts in his first letter, the saints in heaven are like God, for they see God truly and purely. As we are joined with them in one spiritual family, we are spiritually related to those who are like God. May this inspire us to pursue the ideals that are the Beatitudes during our life here on earth.



## QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Besides myself, who do I know that is in need of God's mercy? What can I do so that it flows through me to those in need?

**Blessings** 

Fr. Raphael Ezeh, MSP

FOR THE WEEKEND MASSES, THE SATURDAY MASS AT 5 PM AND THE SUNDAY MASS AT 11:30, WILL BE SAID FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH.

THIS SUNDAY MASS, November 1st AT 9:30 WILL BE FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:

#### DECEASED:

Ralph Esposito + Luigi & Maria Loreta Lucchetti + Edoardo & Donata Vitullo + Rambertp Blanco +

MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S ETERNAL PEACE

WE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS: Edith Kelly (Living)



THE HOURS FOR THE PARISH OFFICE ARE AS FOLLOWS: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 AM to 2 PM. The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday

and Thursday.



The ALTAR BREAD & WINE & ALTAR CANDLES are donated in loving memory of



THE SANCTUARY LAMP is donated in loving memory of Antonio Troia by Rosalie & Salvatore Di Chiara.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:**

We are still accepting registrations for this years's Religious Education program NOW. All classes in this program will be remote. Please call Cheryl Duda immediately at 914 476-6676 if you want to register

your child for this program. Hopefully by now everyone has picked up their access code and book for the year and have followed the instructions given for logging in the first time into google classroom. All assignments will be posted on Tuesday mornings at 8 a.m. and must be completed

and submitted by Sunday evening at 10 p.m.. Payment for the classes can be made by going to our parish website, saintbartsparish.org, and clicking on the We Share online giving link then scrolling down to 2020-2021 Religious Education registration fees. Hit submit payment, twice and it will bring you to payment screen. Make your payment and fill out the appropriate information.

Please note: If anyone drinks Wyler or Crystal Light Lemonade or Iced Tea, please save the empty clean containers and drop them off in the food collection box at the rear of the church. Thank you!!

CONGRATULATIONS to the following children who made their First Holy Communion on October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. We welcome them to the Table of our Lord:

> Evan Cruz Ava Rose Cruz Sophia Reyes Lyla Gauthier Ivv Cruz

## **COMMUNION PRAYER**

Dear God, I know that You give me many gifts. The gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ in Holy Communion is the greatest of all. How can I ever thank You enough for this special gift?

At Mass we are called to be like Jesus, by loving and serving one another in the world. As I become more like Him, please continue to help me. Show me the places and ways that I can bring Your love, kindness, and peace to others. in my family, in my neighborhood, in my community,

and with my friends. I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen



## ADORATION & HOLY HOUR: This Friday

**November 6**<sup>th</sup> is First Friday. We will have Holy Hour at 1 p.m. And **Saturday November 7**<sup>th</sup> is First Saturday. The Divine Mercy Holy Hour will begin at 3 p.m. All are invited to spend an hour to come and adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist.

# ALL SOULS DAY NOVENA MASSES FOR ALL SOULS DAY

This Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, is All Souls Day. We will have a 9 day Novena of Masses for all our departed loved ones beginning on Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> through

Tuesday, November 10th. If you would like your loved ones to be remembered at these Masses, kindly fill out the "All Souls" envelope found in your envelope packet or on the tables at the rear of the Church, include your stipend, and drop it in the Collection basket by this Sunday, November 1st.



ALSO PLEASE NOTE that on Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>
All Souls Day, St Bartholomew's Parish remembers deceased parishioners or a deceased family member in

a memorial placed in the church from November  $2^{nd}$  through the  $15^{th}$ . Those who have supplied photos of their loved ones can pick them up in the parish office after November  $15^{th}$  (the Parish Office is opened on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.).

**FOOD PANTRY**: The food pantry is now open. We can use corn, string beans, canned tuna, juice, and canned fruit.



# YOU CAN DROP OFF YOUR FOOD DONATIONS IN THE BOXES AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH.

\*\*\*\*Also, if you would like to make cash donations, you can do so. We use the cash donations to purchase Shoprite gift cards and have already given out some to a few families.

May God bless you all for your generosity and stay safe.

Meals for a Soup Kitchen: Immaculate Conception in the Bronx is now open. Donation of ziti for Immaculate Conception daily lunch, will be on THIS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> (NOT THURSDAY THIS MONTH). You can drop off your donation at the food pantry door by 9:30am.



# OUTREACH—Annual Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive

The Social Ministry group is having a special Thanksgiving Food Drive.

Suggested Shopping List for Baskets:

Boxed mashed potatoes, boxed scalloped potatoes, canned yams/sweet potatoes, canned vegetables,

canned corn, canned green beans, stuffing mix, turkey gravy, olives, crackers, canned fruit, dried fruit and nuts, marshmallows, juice, apple cider, brownie mix, cake mix and frosting, cookies, candy, coffee, tea, and holiday napkins, plates and cups.

THE COLLECTION WILL BE FROM NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> UNTIL NOVEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>. BASKETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED NOV.23<sup>RD</sup>.

FROZEN ITEMS OR FRESH FOODS SUCH AS TURKEYS, PIES ETC. CAN BE DROPPED OFF BEFORE ALL MASSES ON NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> AND NOVEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>.

Beginning on November 1st, bags will be placed at the rear of the church. You can pick up a bag and then put your donated "Thanksgiving items" in these bags. Thank you for your generosity!!!



## TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

"Thank you to all those who are participating in our tithing. Program. We need your financial support especially at this difficult time.

PLEASE NOTE THAT AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME, YOU CAN TITHE IN 3 WAYS:

- Mail in your envelope.
- Register for on line giving. <u>IT'S EASY!</u> (see below note).
- Drop off your envelope in the large container covered with a red cloth behind the organ. It is marked with a sign.

May God bless and reward your sacrifices! For those who are not yet tithing, I encourage you to please give it a prayerful thought and sign up for on line giving. Thank you!

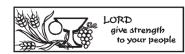
# IT'S EASY TO SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING EASY LINK FROM THE PARISH WEBSITE

You can set up separate one time or recurring donations for the different collections (regular weekly, snow removal, Christmas, etc.) or you may wish to begin with the regular collections, try it out and when you are comfortable, you can sign up for the others. Also, know if you set up for recurring donations, you are in full control and can always change or cancel at any time. And



by donating in this manner you may get the added benefit of accumulating additional points or cash on your credit card while at the same time helping out the parish. So, give it a try and sign up today!!!! IT'S EASY!!! Go to: www.saintbartsparish.org (BE SURE TO SPELL OUT SAINT) and click on

the We Share online giving link. Follow the instructions. (WE SHARE HAS REPLACED PARISH PAY). If you have any questions or problems, contact the Parish Office and leave a message or e mail us at stbartschurch@aol.com.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ann Lackner, Gail Chappory, Anna Bonacci, Deacon Bob Clemens, Mary DeSantis, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Harold Sullivan, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Steven Sarich, Larry Mesler, John McKenna, Antony Gorge Ferreira, Jerry Esposito, Jeri Michele Sugrue, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Ann Pezzola, Edith Kelly, Carole Romanowski, Theresa Chappory, Susan Rivera, Kenneth Chappory, Rosemarie Bartolomeo, Ann McShane, Ellen Chimenti, Doreen Madonia, Gianna Whitehead, Gloria DeLuccy, Dan Panik, Dominick Francis Marra and Walter Duda.

Please contact the Parish Office and leave a message or e mail us at stbartschurch@aol.com, if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.

## ALL SOULS NOVEMBER 2ND PRAYER FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Dear God, Death as much as birth, is part of the circle of life. Hear our prayers for those who have died: Those who have died suddenly; People who have been victims of violence or war; Men, women & children who have died because of diseases such as covid, famine or neglect; And especially our dear, departed loved ones. Give us comfort in our grief and hope in Your eternal love. May all those who have



served You on earth share in the fullness of joy in Your heavenly kingdom. Bring us all to
the glory of the resurrection. AMEN



Saturday, October 31 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

Sunday, November 1, 2020 All Saints Day

9:30 AM Ralph Esposito +

Luigi & Maria Loreta Lucchetti +

Edith Kelly (Living)

Edoardo & Donata Vitullo +

Ramberto Blanco +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, November 2

The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed- All

**Souls Day** 

7:00 AM Novena For Our Deceased Loved Ones

9:00 AM Roberto & Pasqua Capuano +

Tuesday, November 3

Weekday

7:00 AM Novena For Our Deceased Loved Ones

9:00 AM John McMahon +

Wednesday, November 4

Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

7:00 AM Novena For Our Deceased Loved Ones

9:00 AM Julio Rios +

Thursday, November 5

Weekday

7:00 AM Novena For Our Deceased Loved Ones

9:00 AM Mary Maddocks +

Friday, November 6—First Friday

Weekday

7:00 AM Novena For Our Deceased Loved Ones 9:00 AM Deceased Members of De Sanctis &

**DeSantis Families** 

Saturday, November 7—First Saturday

Weekday

9:00 AM Novena For Our Deceased Loved Ones

Saturday, November 7 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

Sunday, November 8, 2020 Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Novena For Our Deceased Loved Ones

Peter & Andrea Objay +

Deceased Members of the Holy Name and

Rosary Altar Societies

Novena For Our Deceased Loved Ones

Fr. Anthony Mbanefo (Living)

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

## AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(said now at Mass since we cannot receive Jesus sacramentally during these difficult times).



My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

COMMUNION I embrace You as if You were already there and I unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

## **Prayer to the Virgin Mary for Protection**

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain,

with steadfast faith.

You, Our Lady of New York, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this

moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the Father's will

and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.



#### WE ALL NEED A LITTLE HUMOR

## **ALL SAINTS**

