

St. Bartholomew's

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.'" *Mt 18:15-16*

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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 Ezech, MSP, Pastor
Rev. Anthony Mbanefo, 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 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.

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

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: Angela Brusco, Louis Caloia

THE TASK OF RECONCILIATION

Ezekiel charges believers to “speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way” (33:8), and the process Jesus outlines in today’s Gospel seems designed not to exclude but to reconcile. The goal of correction is to restore the offending party to the community in a “win-win” resolution: “You have won over your brother,” not shown him who’s boss (Matthew 18:15). Jesus pointedly uses “brother” (sister) to emphasize that the offender is still family. Moreover, discretion reigns: Reconciliation begins privately, between victim and offender, protecting even the disruptive member from public humiliation. If the community must become involved, there is still no “ganging-up” or taking sides. Both parties are embraced equally in seeking justice, reconciliation, restoration.



If Jesus’ final disposition of an unrepentant disciple sounds harshly definitive at first hearing – “Treat (them) as you would a Gentile or a tax collector” (Matthew 18:17) – remember how Jesus did, in fact, treat Gentiles and tax collectors. He praised a Gentile woman’s “great faith” (cf. 15:28) and missioned the Eleven to “make disciples of all nations” (Gentiles) (28:19). Indeed, Matthew himself was a tax collector (Roman collaborator), who celebrated his newly-embraced discipleship by gathering “many tax collectors and sinners” to eat with Jesus in his ritually unclean home (9:10).



Thus, in Jesus’ community, mutual correction is never punishment, revenge, or settling scores, but rather the victory of love. As Paul puts it, “Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another; for the one who love another has fulfilled the law Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law” (Romans, 13:8, 10).

Who in your life right now do you need to “win over” for the Lord?

WELCOME BACK EVERYONE

We want to welcome back everyone from the summer vacation. I hope you had a relaxing summer. If you’re like me, I often come back from vacation very tired from lots of traveling, and almost in need of another break to recoup. Anyhow, welcome back. Hope you’re ready for work and school and other things.

SUPPORTING HURRICANE HARVEY VICTIMS

As announced at Masses last weekend (we did forget to announce it at 5pm Vigil Mass), we planned a second collection this weekend to aid the victims of Hurricane Harvey. However, there’s an already scheduled collection. So, we’ll reschedule the Harvey collection for next weekend, September 17th. Please, be as generous as you can.

Blessings on you and your loved ones.

Fr. Raphael

PARISH NEWS



The **HOLY NAME SOCIETY** meeting will be held this Monday, September 11th at 7:30 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center. All men of the parish are invited.



THE ALTAR FLOWERS, ALTAR BREAD AND WINE, SANCTUARY LAMP AND ALTAR CANDLES are donated in loving memory of Frances Naoia by Lou and Angela Brusco.



FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES:

Religious Education Classes begin on this Tuesday, September 12th. Children in public school who will be entering First Grade through High School in September are eligible for these classes. Evening classes are available to accommodate the children of working parents. Besides grade level classes, instruction prepares children for Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation.

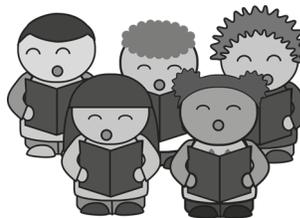
Please call Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676 for more information.

The Rite of Christian Initiation (popularly known as RCIA) is the process designed by the Church for adults to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. It is open to adults who: have never been baptized and would prepare for all three sacraments; were baptized in a non-Catholic Christian denomination and are interested in becoming Catholic and would prepare for Confirmation and First Communion; or were baptized Catholic but never received Confirmation and/or Communion and would prepare for the sacraments they have not yet received.



Please contact Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676 if you or somebody you know might be interested in the program.

MESSAGE FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR:



Please join us in singing God’s praises by joining our various choirs. Practice will be every Thursday, beginning on this Thursday, September 14th—children’s choir beginning at **5:45 p.m.** and the adult choir beginning at **6:25 p.m.** Come and join us!!!!

SOCIAL MINISTRY: Our food pantry has a need for the following items: pasta sauce, rice, juice, coffee and paper towels. Please keep this in mind on your next trip to the supermarket. Thank you for your continuing support!!



JOIN US ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND AT 7 PM

St. Bartholomew's Parish will host a Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage, conducted by Our Lady of Lourdes Hospitality North American Volunteers, on Friday September 22nd at 7pm. The Virtual Pilgrimage is a guided spiritual journey offering the experience of Lourdes in a local interactive "pilgrimage event" without leaving home. Touch a piece of the Grotto Rock, experience the precious water from the Grotto spring, and receive a Eucharistic Blessing as in Lourdes. Pope Francis grants a plenary indulgence to all who experience Lourdes through a virtual pilgrimage with the North American Volunteers. This is a very special opportunity afforded our parish so we ask that you mark this date on your calendar now so that you may attend. For more information, please contact Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676.



Join the **Rosary Altar Society** ladies for their annual "Tea Party with Mary" on Saturday, September 23rd McManus Center, 12 Noon to 3 p.m.
Cost: \$15 per adult, \$5.00 per child under 16
Come join us for some prayer and snacks!

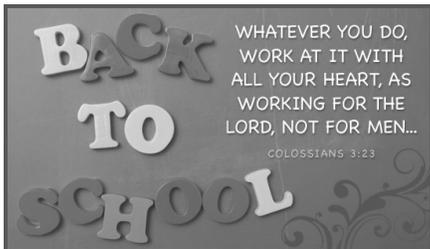


BE "INFORMED" FOR SEPTEMBER

We hope you are enjoying the free parish subscription to www.formed.org which gives you access to quality Catholic on line programs, movies, audios, and books. Simply register with parish code **YWHDC2** and enjoy. This week, we honor Mary. September 8th was the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, September 12th, the Most Holy Name of Mary and September 15th, Our Lady of Sorrows. Study: The Bible and the Virgin Mary, Lesson 9: *Full of Grace* or Symbolon: Knowing the Faith, Session 9: *Mary and the Saints*. Watch the movie: *Mary of Nazareth*, read *Mary in the Redemption* or listen to *Drawing Strength from Our Lady of Sorrows*. On September 14th read, *Saint Helena and the True Cross* on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. (For further information, please contact Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676)

 Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass, in the school building. Their next meeting will be Sunday, September 17th.

Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ *St_Barts-Youth*.



Please pray for all our young people returning to school. May God grant them success in their studies and a safe school year.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING
Sunday Collection Update

Amount Needed Weekly	\$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$5,783.20
Balance	- \$1,218.80
*(Envelopes \$5,488.20, Online \$295.00)	

Amount Needed for Month of September	\$28,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$ 5,783.20

The Second Collection in support of building and grounds totaled \$1,184.45

"Thank you to all those who are participating in our tithing program! May God bless and reward your sacrifices! For those who are not yet tithing, I encourage you to please give it a prayerful thought. Thank you!"



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Richard Meyers, Rosalie Heit, Andrea Objay, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Michael Tomanelli, Ariella Castillo, Gail Chappory, Randolph Castillo, Jr., Deacon Jim Byrne, Gregory Clemens, Mary Bryce, Anna Bonacci, Efrain Arzola, Henry Joseph, Deacon Bob Clemens, Carolyn Cesta, William Bodack, Joseph Mahoney, Mary De Santis, Leticia Agosto, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Gina Obalde, Rosalia Guzman, Ann McGarry, Daniel Pezzola, Brittany Arzola, Ron and Sally Petro, Anthony Guarente, Theresa Venturino, Nicholas Arzola, Angela Lutomski, and Richard (Dick) Novak.

Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.



Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially Florence B. Swetz.

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

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY: Join your fellow parishioners in praying the Rosary after the 9 a.m. Mass on weekdays and Saturdays.

September 10, 2017

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, September 9 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Reverend Terzo Vinci, S.A.C. +

Sunday, September 10

8:30 AM Deceased members of Holy Name Society
10:00 AM Nicholas & Mary Maccia +
11:30 AM Dec. Members Of Salerno & Del Bene Families
5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, September 11

Weekday

7:00 AM NYPD Fallen Members +
9:00 AM Frances Nanoia +

Tuesday, September 12

Weekday

7:00 AM Angela & Davide Ponzini +
9:00 AM Al Dio Dati +

Wednesday, September 13

Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Al Dio Dati +

Thursday, September 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7:00 AM Catherine Draghi +
9:00 AM Frank & Angela Nanoia +

Friday, September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Antoinette & John Izzo +

Saturday, September 16

Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

9:00 AM Michael Kenny +

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, September 16 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Deceased Members of Pragana Family

Sunday, September 17

8:30 AM Peter Klee +
10:00 AM Deceased Members of the Joseph Family
11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish
5:00 PM Rafael Vazquez & Luis Mercado +

September 10, 2017

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY

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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Collection Envelopes. Only in this way can the Pastor issue documents attesting to Catholic practice of the faith and Parish membership, e.g. a letter to be a Godparent or Sponsor. For further information call the Parish Office at (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 interested in parish membership.
- I am a visitor.
- 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.

LOCAL EVENTS

The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers is a social, religious and bereavement organization which helps to meet the needs of its membership. The group meets on the third Thursday of each month at St. Ann's Church, Father Anthony Hall, 31 College Place, Yonkers, NY. Their next meeting is Thursday, September 21st at 1 p.m.

The group is also holding its annual Mass at Christ the King Church, 740 North Broadway, Yonkers, NY next Sunday, September 17, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. followed by Communion Breakfast immediately after the Mass at the Fairways at Dunwoodie Golf Course. Cost is \$23. For more information, please call 914 423-5331. All are welcome.

MASS OF HEALING

St. Paul the Apostle Church, Tuesday, September 19th at 8:00 p.m.

Celebrant is Fr. Mathew Zhakath, OCD