# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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TWENTY-EIGHTH "Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." At that statement his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions. Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" - Mk 10:21 c-23 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 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: Sam Farraj, Anna Legio

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#### Material Wealth vs. Spiritual Wisdom

Throughout most of the Old Testament, material wealth and worldly power were seen as blessings from God. But the



author of Wisdom, writing in the century before Christ's birth, puts the spirit of wisdom before these things. After centuries of ups and downs, many realized that wealth and power were transitory. The ability to understand truly and judge rightly, however, was lasting.

"His face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions" (Mark 10:22). This

character in today's Gospel passage is often referred to as a rich man, and that may put some distance between him and

us. "Rich" is someone who lives in a mansion, owns a yacht, has millions of dollars in investments. We're not rich, right? Yes, in fact, we probably are. We are likely richer in material wealth than this man could have ever imagined. Most of us



probably have instant and continual access to a world of information and a world of entertainment that was unimaginable even twenty years ago, let alone two thousand years ago. Most of us have nicer homes, better-stocked pantries and refrigerators, more clothes, and better transportation options than this "rich" man. So Jesus' answer is a challenge to us just the same. How do we gain treasure in heaven while living with all the treasures we own?

Two easily overlooked words in today's Gospel should give us all consolation as we try to reconcile our material wealth with true riches. "Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him..." (Mark 10:21). It is a tender note Mark adds, saying Jesus loved him. Yes, he gave him an all-but-impossible task, but Jesus sees his goodness in his words and his behavior. Mark wants us to know that despite the disheartening response, Jesus loved him.

#### QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How does my attachment to my possessions keep me from entering the kingdom of God? How might God assist me in making it possible?

Blessings on your week.

Fr. Raphael

# ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup>



Almighty God, you inspired Your servant St. Luke the Evangelist and Physician to set forth in the gospel the love and the healing power of Your Son. In faithfully detailing the humanity of Jesus, he also showed the divinity of Jesus and His genuine compassion for all human beings.

May St. Luke intercede for us that we may deepen our understanding of the gospel and grow in compassion of Jesus. May his intercession enable our parish to follow Your way and plan for us.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

# PARISH NEWS



The **HOLY NAME SOCIETY** meeting will be held this Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center. All men of the parish are invited

# SPONSORED BY THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM AND THE LIONS CLUB—UNWANTED EYEGLASS COLLECITON

In just about any home, one can find a pair of eyeglasses that are no longer being used. That same pair of eyeglasses can change another person's life. During the month of October, the Religious Education Program is sponsoring an



unwanted eyeglass collection in conjunction with the Lions club. There will be a collection box in both the church and the school for your unwanted eyeglasses, including reading glasses. The glasses will be given to the Lions Club who will then distribute to people in need in developing countries.

# WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC OR LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Do you recognize yourself in any of these statements?



- I have never been baptized and want to learn more about the Catholic Faith.
- ♦ I was baptized in another Christian religion and now wish to become Catholic.
- I was baptized Catholic, but have not received any other Sacraments and little if any religious

instruction.

 I am married to a Catholic and attend Mass and would like to receive the Sacraments.

For further information, please call Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676.

#### **FORMED**

We hope you are enjoying the free parish subscription to <a href="https://www.formed.org">www.formed.org</a> which gives you access to quality Catholic on line programs, movies, audios, and books. Simply register with parish code **YWHDC2** and enjoy.

#### **SOCIAL MINISTRY:**

Our food pantry has a need for the following items: juice, mayonnaise, ketchup, sugar, flour, canned fruit, and tuna. Please keep this in mind on your next trip to the supermarket. Thank you for your continuing support!!



#### PRAYER FOR AUTUMN



I praise you, Lord, for autumn: the beauty and hope in the change of season, the promise that the coming of autumn heralds another ending, a new beginning, and the wonder of another winter, another

spring, another summer, yet to come. Amen

#### **UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**



## CHILDREN'S PARISH HALLOWEEN PARTY

Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

#### **2018 and 2019 MASS BOOK**

The 2018 Mass book still has a few Masses available and the 2019 Book is also open with dates available. Consider giving a loved one or someone (living or deceased) who has a special place in our life, the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. You may have a thanksgiving Mass offered for your loved one or yourself on such occasions as birthday's, wedding anniversaries, etc. Also you may consider offering the Altar Flowers (\$100; or \$125 for roses), Altar Bread and Wine (\$30), Altar Candles (\$10) or the Sanctuary Lamp (\$10) for your intention. Come to the Parish Office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**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.



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 on Thursday, October 18th and will be held at Tombolino's Restaurant at 356 Kimball Avenue, Yonkers, NY at 1 p.m. A luncheon will be served. Cost is \$25 payable at the lunch. Members and guests are welcome.

**Kennedy Catholic' High Schools' Open Houses** are scheduled for this Sunday, October  $14^{th}$  1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Wednesday, October  $17^{th}$  7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Go to KennedyCatholic.org/Open-House/ to pre-register and learn more about one of the top Catholic high schools in all of Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess counties.

The Ursuline School, an independent, private, Catholic college preparatory school for girls, located in New Rochelle, NY, cordially invites prospective students and their families to attend their upcoming Open House on Saturday, October 27th, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Explore their campus, meet current students and parents and speak to their dedicated faculty and administration. Please visit the Admissions page of their website for information and to RSVP for the Open House at www.Ursulinenewrochelle.org or call the Admissions Office at 914 500-6227 for further information.

**St. Paul the Apostle**, 602 McLean Avenue, Yonkers, NY is having a Christmas Fair on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the cafeteria and church hall. Toys, jewelry, clothing, furniture, raffles and prizes galore. Have your picture taken with Santa. Vendors are welcome . Call 914 965-933 for more information.

# ₩ STEWARDSHIP What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits to me?

# TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING Sunday Collection Update

Amount Needed Weekly \$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday \$5,545.25
Balance - \$1,454.75

\*(Envelopes \$5,055.25, Online \$490.00)

Amount Needed for Month of October \$28,000.00 Amount Collected Thus Far \$5,545.25

The second collection in support of Building and Grounds totaled: \$1,044.95 (includes on line giving).

"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!

It's time to sign up for on line giving with We Share.

Please contact the parish office or take a flyer and sign up sheet at the rear of the church.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Gail Chappory, Anna Bonacci, Deacon Bob Clemens, Joseph Mahoney, Mary De Santis, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Theresa Venturino, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Larry Vandak, Lou De Muro, Harold Sullivan, Clare Yaskovic, and Manuel Obalde, Jr.

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

Our YOUTH GROUP meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. Their next meeting is Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @

St Barts-Youth.

Our **EDGE GROUP (AGES 11-13)** meets the second Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. **Their next meeting is this Sunday, October 14**<sup>th</sup>.

Our CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (AGES 4-10) meets the third Friday each month at 6:30 p.m. in the school building. Their next meeting is this Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup> (Children's Parish Halloween Party)



#### Saturday, October 13 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Walter Zigabarra +

#### Sunday, October 14, 2018 **Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 AM Deceased Mem. Of the Holy Name Society

10:00 AM Jonathan Zevon (Living) 11:30 AM Frank Schweizer + Rosalie Chimenti + 5:00 PM

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#### Monday, October 15

#### Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Rachelle Batac (Living) 7:00 AM 9:00 AM Anthony Prunella, Jr. +

#### **Tuesday, October 16**

Weekday

7:00 AM Pasqua Capuano + Theresa Sarich + 9:00 AM

#### Wednesday, October 17

#### Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

Ann Baumeister + 7:00 AM Bridie O'Donnell + 9:00 AM

#### Thursday, October 18

#### Saint Luke, Evangelist

7:00 AM No Intention Isadore Heit + 9:00 AM

#### Friday, October 19

#### Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests and

Comanions, Martyrs

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Helen & Pete Pietrowski +

#### Saturday, October 20

Weekday

9:00 AM Anthony Esposito +

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#### **Saturday, October 20 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Ralph Verderosa +

### Sunday, October 21, 2018

#### **Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 AM Carl & Elizabeth Laredo +

10:00 AM Fiore Brusco & Gloria Brusco Flanagan +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

5:00 PM Angelica Perez +



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.

Every family and single adult to be considered an active parishioner of St. Bartholomew's Parish must be properly registered in the Parish, receiving and regularly using the Parish Weekly 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 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 Parish Office. Thank you!

Name:
Address:
City/Zip:
Telephone:
Comment:
<ul> <li>□ I am interested in parish membership.</li> <li>□ I am a visitor.</li> <li>□ Change of Address / Telephone Number.</li> <li>□ I am moving out of the Parish.</li> <li>□ I am going to the hospital.</li> <li>□ I would like to be visited by a priest / minister.</li> <li>□ Please send me the Catholic New York.</li> <li>□ I would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith.</li> </ul>

Remember to invite your family and pray the Rosary with them each and



every day throughout the month of October. By praying the Rosary you are requesting the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary for the protection of your family and for the faith and strength to accept any hardship you may be encountering in life. Please make a special effort to say the Rosary with your fellow parishioners after the 9 a.m. Masses, at the First Friday and First

Saturday Holy Hours or with your family at home.