

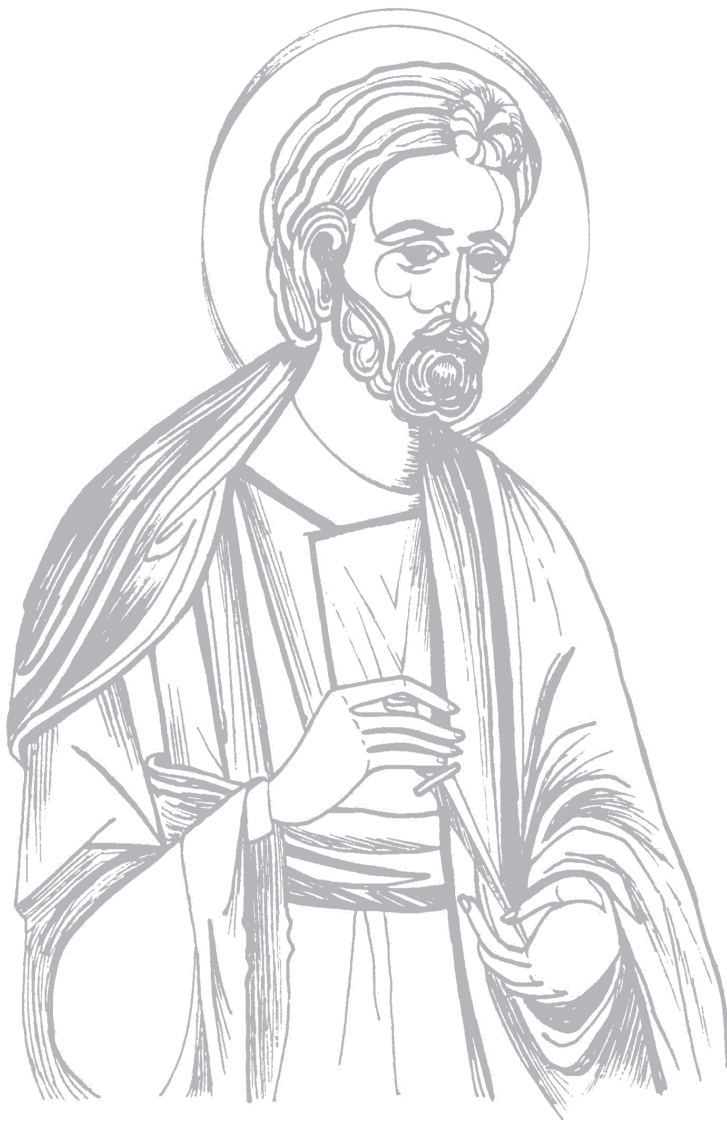
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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and 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. 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 Secret of Prayer



Some reflection on the gospel background (Luke 18:1-8) might help us to appreciate the lesson Jesus is teaching us today.

First, in the previous passage, Luke 17:22-37, Jesus had just spoken about the day of the Son of Man and how his listeners needed to be prepared. They asked him for details of this Day. In answer, he told them of the need to persevere in prayers. They were to pray over a long period of time and not give in or be discouraged. He also emphasized two other things about this prayer. First, he said they "should" pray. This has the idea of necessity. It is absolutely necessary that we persevere in prayer.

Secondly, he used the word, "always". This means that we must pray at all times; we need to develop a constant spirit of prayer. We are to maintain an unbroken consciousness of God's presence. Finally, Jesus used the words "not to give up" meaning we are not to lose heart, nor turn coward. We are not to give in to evil.

"Look to the Lord and His strength; seek His face always (1 Chronicles 16:11).

"You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart" (Jeremiah 29:13).

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. Or everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened (Matthew 7:7-8).

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God" (Philemon 4:6).

"Pray continually (1 Timothy 5:17).

"Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak." (Matthew 26:41).

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints" (Ephesians 6:18).

To situate this teaching and make it more real to them, Jesus told them the story about the persistent widow and the judge who feared neither God nor man. A closer look at the story reveals some important details about the widow.

She was poor, without money to bribe the judge. Maybe not here in the US, but back home judges could be bribed. Actually, the president just fired some judges because they took bribes from their clients and delivered unjust judgment. She was also a widow. A woman all alone in a man's world, with no man and no money to secure legal counsel to plead her case. She had no position or authority, no rights to commend her to the judge. Finally, she was persecuted. She was taken advantage of and abused by her adversary.

She must have been one heck of a powerless but strong woman, for she did not let any of these stop her from pestering this mighty judge until he did what she was asking for – to get her adversary off her back so she could enjoy her peace of mind in her poverty. And she got what she wanted.

Once again, the lesson for us today is about steadfastness in prayer. Jesus was strong and forceful in stressing the duty we have to persevere in our prayers. It's not really a matter of whether we want to or not. In a healthy relationship, communication is not a matter of whether one party wants it or not. It is a must. And it has to be always.

So it is with God and us. May we continue to nurture our ability to communicate with our Maker. Amen.

Fr. Raphael Ezeh, MSP



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will meet this Monday, October 17th, at 7:00 p.m. in the school. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Salvatore Darretta. *Rest in Peace*



The **ALTAR FLOWERS, ALTAR BREAD & WINE, ALTAR CANDLES,** and **SANCTUARY LAMP** for this week are



donated in loving memory of Fiore Brusco and Gloria Brusco Flanagan by Louis and Angela Brusco.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES HAVE BEGUN

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.



Religious Education helps to build a strong foundation



If you or someone you know need information on the Catholic Faith or have not been confirmed, please call the Religious Education Office (914 476-6676) for information on the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.) in our parish.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jessica Balmir and Julio Rios who celebrated the Rite of Acceptance last Sunday, October 9th. They are now officially recognized as catechumens on their journey to become Catholics.

NOVENA MASSES FOR ALL SOULS:

Wednesday, November 2nd, is All Souls Day. We will have a 9-day novena of Masses for all our departed loved ones. 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 or bring it to the Parish Officer during the week.



SOCIAL MINISTRY: Our Food Pantry has an **ongoing need** for canned fruit, juices, pasta sauces canned fish, canned corn, peanut butter, jelly, sugar, rice, paper products (paper towels etc.)



Our YOUTH GROUP meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass, in the school building. Their meeting is this Sunday, October 16th. All youths age 13 and up are invited.

Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ St_Barts_youth.

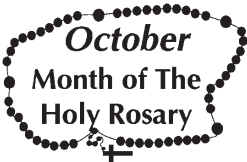
OKTOBERFEST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22nd, 6:00 p.m. MCMANUS PARISH CENTER

Sponsored by the Holy Name Society in honor of Steven Hickey. Come join us for great food and lots of fun. See the Holy Name Society members at the rear of the Church to make your reservation.



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.



OTHER OUTSIDE EVENTS

Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries

781 Route 9D, PO Box 192, Garrison, NY (845) 424-3609

7th & 8th Grade Retreat

“Love: Growing in Relationships”

Fri. Oct. 28 - Sat. Oct. 29 or Sat. Oct. 29-Sun. Oct. 30, 2016

Discussion on evaluating relationships: with self, with friends, and the healthy/unhealthy elements of friendship; relationship with family, and how this relationship changes. The retreat concludes with examining the relationship with God. Families are invited & encouraged to attend Mass on Saturday or Sunday at 3pm. For information, call 845 424-3609 or visit our website www.cyfm.org.

Girls’ Day-By-Day-Agape (DDA) Retreat

Oct. 20-23, 2016

For and BY high school teens 15+ years old. Teen TEAM members present talks on their own lives, struggles and triumphs in Christ. Friars, adult Team and CYFM community help facilitate and support. Come to this amazing weekend of prayer, listening, sharing, growing, and feeling the love of Christ. For information, contact CYFM or visit our website: www.cyfm.org and click on “events”.

ADOPTION OPPORTUNITY: Children in China need homes. More boys available than girls from age two and up. Older parents and single women are welcomed. For more information call Barbara Salvesen on (845) 623-5277.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING Last Weekend's Contribution Comparison

Table with 4 columns: Category, 10/11/15, 10/9/16, Difference. Rows: Adults, Children, Total.

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!

In lieu of filling out envelopes weekly, please consider signing up for online giving at www.parishpay.com or contact the Parish Office. So far, we have 8 families that have signed up.



Please pray for all members of the Holy Name Society of our Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Richard Meyers, Rosalie Heit, Andrea Objay, Margaret Maccia, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Charles Wighton, Michael Tomanelli, Ariella Castillo, Gail Chappory, Randolph Castillo, Jr., Deacon Jim Byrne, Gregory Clemens, Florence McCormack, Mary Bryce, Anna Bonacci, William Flower, Efrain Arzola, Henry Joseph, Deacon Bob Clemens, Carolyn Cesta, William Bodack, Joseph Mahoney, Mary De Santis, Leticia Agosto, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Rosalia Guzman, Ann McGarry, Florence B. Swetz, Giovanna Robinson and Daniel Pezzola.

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

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.

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

OCTOBER 16, 2016

Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 15 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Deceased Members of Laudadio Family

Sunday, October 16

8:30 AM Pasqua Capuano +

10:00 AM George Klobosits +

11:30 AM Ralph Verderosa +

5:00 PM Anna Baumeister +

Monday, October 17

Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

7:00 AM Anna Baumeister +

9:00 AM Nicholas Del Guidice +

Tuesday, October 18

Saint Luke, Evangelist

7:00 AM Marlina Sunga +

9:00 AM Frank Pampalone +

Wednesday, October 19

Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests &

Companions, Martyrs

7:00 AM Reverend Michael Morrow & Family (living)

9:00 AM Helen & Pete Pietrowski +

Thursday, October 20

Weekday

7:00 AM Selia Mendosa +

9:00 AM Marianne Sauter +

Friday, October 21

Weekday

7:00 AM Deceased Members of Bolduc & Savard Families

9:00 AM Edythe Lutomski +

Saturday, October 22

Weekday

9:00 AM Angela Chimenti (living)

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 22 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Fiore Brusco & Gloria Brusco Flanagan +

Sunday, October 23

8:30 AM Elizabeth & Carl Laredo +

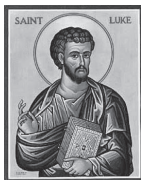
10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM Frank & Carmela Legio +

5:00 PM Angelica Perez +

OCTOBER 16, 2016

Luke—Evangelist
October 18th



Luke wrote one of the major portions of the New Testament, a two-volume work comprising the third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. In the two books he shows the parallel between the life of Christ and that of the church. He is the only Gentile Christian among the Gospel writers. Tradition holds him to be a native of Antioch, and Paul calls him “the beloved physician” (Colossians 4:14). His Gospel was probably written between A.D. 70 and 85.

Luke appears in Acts during Paul’s second journey, he remains at Philippi for several years until Paul returns from his third journey, accompanies Paul to Jerusalem and remains near him when he is imprisoned in Caesarea. During these two years, Luke had time to seek information and interview persons who had known Jesus. He accompanied Paul on the dangerous journey to Rome where he was a faithful companion. “Luke is the only one with me,” Paul writes (2 Timothy 4:11).

COMMENT: Luke wrote as a Gentile for Gentile Christians. This Gospel reveals Luke’s expertise in classic Greek style as well as his knowledge of Jewish sources.

The character of Luke may best be seen by the emphases of his Gospel, which has been given a number of subtitles: (1) The Gospel of Mercy: Luke emphasized Jesus’ compassion and patience with the sinners and suffering. He has a broadminded openness to all, showing concern for Samaritans, lepers, publicans, soldiers, public sinners, unlettered shepherds, and the poor. Luke alone records the stories of the sinful women, the lost sheep and coin, the prodigal son, and the good thief. (2) The Gospel of Universal Salvation: Jesus dies for all. He is the son of Adam, not just of David, and Gentiles are his friends too. (3) The Gospel of the Poor: “Little people” are prominent—Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary and Joseph, shepherds, Simeon and the elderly widow, Anna. He is also concerned with what we now call “evangelical poverty.” (4) The Gospel of Absolute Renunciation: he stresses the need for total dedication to Christ. (5) The Gospel of Prayer and the Holy Spirit: He shows Jesus at prayer before every important step of his ministry. The Spirit is bringing the Church to its final perfection. (6) The Gospel of Joy: Luke succeeds in portraying the joy of salvation that permeated the primitive church.

QUOTE: Luke’s Gospel ends: “Then [Jesus] led them [out] as far as Bethany, raised His hands, and blessed them. As He blessed them He parted from them and was taken up to heaven. They did Him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God” (Luke 24: 50-53).

From *Saint of the Day*, edited by Leonard Foley, O.F.M., & Pat McCloskey, O.F.M.