

St. Bartholomew's

15 Palmer Road
Yonkers • New York 10701



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three." *Lk 12:50-52*

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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

APPROACHING JESUS WITH CONFIDENCE

Last Sunday Jesus chided Peter: "O you of little faith" (Matthew 14:13). Today, Jesus praises a woman whose only "name" identifies her as an ethnic "outsider" and Israel's classic enemy, a Canaanite: "O woman, great is your faith!" (15:28). Last week, the disciples reduced Jesus to unreality, a ghost. Today, despite Jesus' silence, refusal, and seeming insult, the Canaanite woman calls Jesus "Lord" and even "does Jesus homage." All this before Jesus heals her daughter, a miracle she's not even present to verify. Thus, a double outsider (a Gentile woman) teaches Jesus' disciples authentic faith.

Moreover, she becomes a sign of the gospel's universality. From this point on in Matthew's Gospel, no one belongs under the Lord's table, much less away from it. But sometimes less welcoming sentiments echo within us: "There have to be limits You can't save the world, please everybody, befriend everyone ... Some people just aren't ready, willing, or open." But with Jesus, all are welcome; for all of us, says Paul, are alike, made brothers and sisters by our shared streak of disobedience. If Jesus will have even us, then who are we to judge?

Today's Gospel raises a second question. Haven't we each, at some time, met this silent Lord, who seems not to answer, or even harder to take, responds with a difficult word? The Canaanite woman teaches us patience, persistence, perseverance, and boundless confidence in Jesus' personal love for each of us, appearances sometimes to the contrary.

How patient is my prayer, how undaunted my confidence in Jesus' personal love for me? How do I treat those who pester me for a share of my time, attention, love?
(*Pastoral Patterns, Summer 2017*).

HAPPY FEAST DAY TO EVERYONE

The feast of St. Bartholomew comes up this Thursday 8/24/17. Using this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Feast day. May St. Bartholomew continue to intercede for us and for our individual families. Amen.

JOIN US THIS SATURDAY FOR THE BLOCK PARTY, IN CELEBRATION OF OUR FEAST DAY.

Blessings and Peace.

Fr. Raphael



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS: Religious Education classes will begin the second week of September. Please spread the word that registrations are now being accepted.

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.

FORMED

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 celebrate the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. See the Study: *The Footprints of God, Mary* or Symbolon: *Knowing the Faith, Session 9: Mary and the Saints*, or *The Bible and the Virgin Mary, Lesson 7: The Promised Mother*. You can also read: *Mary, God's Yes to Man*, or *Mary: The Church at the Source*, or Faith Basics: *Understanding Catholic Teaching on the Blessed Virgin Mary*. (For further information, please contact Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676)

MARK JOIN US ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND AT 7 PM THIS DATE

➔ 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.

MARY HAD A LITTLE LAMB

Little Johnny asked his Sunday School teacher, "If Mary had Jesus, and Jesus is the Lamb of God, does that mean Mary had a little lamb?"

LPI On the Lighter Side

PARISH BLOCK PARTY CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW THIS SATURDAY, AUGUST 26TH



Saturday, August 26, 6-10 p.m. We need volunteers.
 We need volunteers, please see the sign up sheets at the back of the church.. If you wish to make a monetary donation, please take an envelope marked Block Party Donation at the rear of the church and return it to the Parish Office.
Please join us for a fun filled evening.

PARISH CALENDAR

We will be publishing the Parish Calendar as an insert in mid September for September/October parish events.
 Below are the Parish's September events.

NOTE: EVENTS, DATES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. ANY EVENT THAT IS CHANGED WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT ALL MASSES.

Sun., Sept. 3	Rosary Altar Society Mass	8:30 AM
Wed., Sept. 6	Rosary Altar Society Meeting	7:00 PM
Thurs., Sept. 7	Seniors Mass and Gathering	9:00 AM
Sat., Sept. 9	Youth Car Wash	10:00 AM-2:00 PM
Sun., Sept. 10	Holy Name Society Mass	8:30 AM
Sun., Sept. 10	Family Mass and Breakfast	10:00 AM
Mon., Sept. 11	Holy Name Society Meeting	7:30 PM
Fri., Sept. 15	Children's Ministry Gathering	5:30-8:30 PM
Mon., Sept. 18	Pastoral Parish Council Meeting	7:00 PM
Thurs., Sept. 21	Senior Movie Thursday	9:30 AM-12:30 PM
Fri., Sept. 22	Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage	7:00-10:00 PM
Sat., Sept 23 (ch. From 9/16)	Rosary Altar Society Tea Party	9:30 AM-2:00 PM

PRAYER TO SAINT BARTHOLOMEW FEAST DAY, AUGUST 24TH



Lord,
 sustain us with the faith
 which made Saint Bartholomew ever loyal to Christ.
 Let your Church be the sign of salvation
 for all the nations of the world.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever.
 Amen.



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

Amount Needed Weekly \$7,000.00
 Actual Received Last Sunday \$5,032.15
 Balance - \$1,967.85
 *(Envelopes \$4,772.15, Online \$260.00)

Amount Needed for Month of August \$28,000.00
 Amount Collected Thus Far \$11,393.60

The Second Collection in support of the Propagation of the Faith Cooperative Mission Appeal totaled \$1,768.05.

"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!



As you plan and enjoy your summer and vacations, please do not forget your financial obligations to our Parish. God bless and keep you all!



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, Florence McCormack, 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, Florence B. Swetz, 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.

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.

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 this Sunday, August 20th.
Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @St_Barts-Youth.

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Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 19 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Gennaro "Jerry" Scarpeti +

Sunday, August 20

8:30 AM Caroline Klee +

10:00 AM Mary Gregorio +

11:30 AM Anne Morrissey +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, August 21

Saint Pius X, Pope

7:00 AM Anna Nguyen +

9:00 AM Gloria Cirillo +

Tuesday, August 22

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM John Phan +

9:00 AM Al & Florence Porach +

Wednesday, August 23

Weekday

7:00 AM Anthony, Maria & Theresa Nguyen +

9:00 AM Medardo Hernandez +

Thursday, August 24

Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

7:00 AM Father Ambrose Khong +

9:00 AM Leonard Spero +

Friday, August 25

Weekday

7:00 AM John, Peter & Joseph Ngo +

9:00 AM Al Falcone & Linda Sarich +

Saturday, August 26

Weekday

9:00 AM Robert Batac (Living)

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 26 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Anthony Esposito +

Sunday, August 27

8:30 AM Elizabeth Laredo +

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM Dec. Members of Carmela & Frank Legio families

5:00 PM Radames Blanco & Luis Angel Blanco +

August 20, 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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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

St. John Paul II Maronite Catholic Church at the Immaculate Conception Church, 199 North Broadway, Sleepy Hollow, New York is having their **Annual Italian Bazaar on September 8, 9, 10 and 15, 16 and 17** featuring a dancing group, live jazz music, food and raffles, as well as their **Annual Middle Eastern Festival on September 22, 23 and 24.**, featuring food, pastries, and Arabic coffee. **Rain or shine. Free admission.**

Kennedy Catholic High School is having their **annual golf outing on Thursday, September 21st** at Centennial Golf Club, 185 John Simpson Road, Carmel, NY. For more information or to register go to KennedyCatholic.org/golfouting or call 914 232-5061 extension 121, Advancement@KennedyCatholic.org. For the Non-Golfer, "Get into Golf" Clinic, come for a 2 hour clinic to learn the nuts and bolts of golf: Demo of swings by golf pro, chipping and Putting contest, driving range, practice greens, golf cub rental... then join the group for cocktails and dinner!!