

St. Bartholomew's Church



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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. Chairperson: Richard Califano

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: Catherine Hickey, Aureo Pinto

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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.

**MARTIN OF TOURS
NOVEMBER 11, MEMORIAL
BISHOP (316?-397)**

A conscientious objector who wanted to be a monk; a monk who was maneuvered into being a bishop; a bishop who fought paganism as well as pleaded for mercy to heretics—such was Martin of Tours, one of the most popular saints and one of the first not to be a martyr.

He was born to pagan parents in what is now Hungary and raised in Italy. The son of a veteran, he was forced to serve in the army against his will at the age of fifteen. He became a Christian catechumen and was baptized at eighteen. It was said that he lived more like a monk than a soldier. At twenty-three he refused a war bounty from Julian Caesar with the words, "I have served you as a soldier, now let me serve Christ. Give the bounty to those who are going to fight. But I am a soldier of Christ and it is not lawful for me to fight." After great difficulties, he was discharged and went to be a disciple of Hilary of Poitiers (January 13).

He was ordained an exorcist and worked with great zeal against the Arians. He became a monk, living first at Milan and later on a small island. When Hilary was restored to his see after exile, Martin returned to France and established what may have been the first French monastery near Poitiers. He lived there for ten years, forming his disciples and preaching throughout the countryside.

The people of Tours demanded that he become their bishop. He was drawn to that city by a ruse—the need of a sick person—and was brought to the church, where he reluctantly allowed himself to be consecrated bishop. Some of the consecrating bishops thought his rumpled appearance and unkempt hair indicated that he was not dignified enough for the office.

Along with Saint Ambrose, Martin rejected Bishop Ithacius's principle of putting heretics to death—as well as the intrusion of the emperor into such matters. Martin prevailed upon the emperor to spare the life of the heretic Priscillian. For his efforts, Martin was accused of the same heresy, and Priscillian was executed after all.

Martin then pleaded for the cessation of the persecution of Priscillian's followers in Spain. He still felt he could cooperate with Ithacius in other areas, but afterwards his conscience troubled him about this decision.

As death approached, his followers begged him not to leave them. He prayed, "Lord, if your people still need me, I do not refuse the work. Your will be done."

COMMENT: Martin's worry about cooperation reminds us that almost nothing is either all black or all white. The saints are not creatures of another world: they face the same perplexing decisions that we do. Any decisions of conscience always involves some risk. If we choose to go north, we may never know what would have happened had we gone east, west, or south. A hypercautious withdrawal from all perplexing situations is not the virtue of prudence; it is, in fact, a bad decision, for "not to decide is to decide."

STORY: On a bitterly cold day, a famous legend goes, Martin met a poor man, almost naked, trembling in the cold and begging from passersby at the city gate. Martin had nothing but his weapons and his clothes. He drew his sword, cut his cloak into two pieces, gave one to the beggar and wrapped himself in the other half. Some of the bystanders laughed at his now odd appearance; others were ashamed at not having relieved the man's misery. That night in his sleep Martin saw Christ dressed in the half of the garment he had given away, and heard him say, "Martin, still a catechumen, has covered me with this garment."

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

**PARISH
NEWS**

MEETING: This Monday, November 9th, the Holy Name Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center. All men of the Parish are invited to attend.



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

VETERANS' DAY: This Wednesday, November 11th, Veterans' Day, is a legal holiday. There will be only one Mass at 9 a.m. and the Parish Office will be closed.



The **ALTAR FLOWERS** have been donated by the Rosary Altar Society in honor and memory of the following living and deceased veterans: Fiore Brusco, John Brusco, Anthony Como, Victor D'Angelo, Carmine Davi, Gene Del Bene, Daniel De Rosa, Vito J. De Santis, Anthony Di Paolo, John Di Rodio, Richard Frischman, Anthony Giuriceo, Robert J. Howley, Sr., Joseph Laudadio, Margaret Liddell, Robert Liddell, Carmine Manno, Andrew T. McCormack, Gabriel Nanoia, Benjamin Pelliccio, Jerry Pisacreta, John Raffa, Jr., John Raffa, Sr., Francis J. Romano, Orlando Romano, Edward Smith, Harold Smith, Jr., Robert Smith, and Daniel Talone.

The **ALTAR CANDLES** are lit this week in honor and memory of the Rosary Altar Society's veterans.



The **ALTAR BREAD & WINE**, for this week are donated in loving memory of Gene & John Del Bene by Carmella Del Bene.

The **SANCTUARY LAMP** for this week is donated in loving memory of Donato Sacchetta by Angela Sacchetta.



Religious Education classes resume this Tuesday November 10th. Parents are invited to come into the Parish Center when they drop their child to class this Tuesday and enjoy "**Coffee & Informal Conversation**". This gathering will be facilitated by Midge Harris, a certified social worker.

SOCIAL MINISTRY is having a special **Thanksgiving Food Drive**. For the next two weekends, please bring to church Thanksgiving appropriate, non-perishable fixings, especially, canned vegetables (especially sweet potatoes), canned fruit, boxed mashed potatoes, coffee, tea, and juices. Thank you.



We will be in need of **some frozen turkeys, fresh / frozen pies, or fruit** on the **Sunday and Monday mornings (November 22nd & 23rd)** of Thanksgiving week. Due to a lack of refrigerator / freezer storage space, we can only accept pies or turkeys at the lower level of the Rectory **before each Mass that Saturday night/Sunday or on Monday morning between 7:30 and 9 a.m.** for distribution on that Monday morning.

A PRAYER FOR VETERANS



Heavenly Father,
On this day, help us remember those
Who gave of themselves to keep us safe and secure.
Enkindle in our consciences a desire
To serve those who served their country selflessly.
Give us the grace to aid those
Who have given aid and protection to us and others
Both here and overseas.
Let us never forget the causes for which they fought
Or the bravery they showed on the battlefield.
May we always be mindful of those
Who paid the price for our freedom,
Just as Your Son gave His life
To free us from the bondage of sin.
Amen.

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 after the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. The group will meet next Sunday, November 15th. All youths age 13 and up are invited.

Join fellow seniors for a Mass and Gathering
Thursday, November 12th, 9 a.m. Mass with a Special Blessing, followed by light refreshments and gathering at the McManus Parish Center.

SAVE THE DATES

St. Bart's Bingo-

Date: Saturday, November 14th at McManus Parish Center. Volunteers/Workers (18 year of age or older) are needed. Please call Tony or Ann Marie at 914 423-1219. See the flyer in today's bulletin for further details.



Pot Luck Birthday Celebration for Fr. Anthony

Date: Saturday, November 21st Please join us first at the 5 p.m. Mass followed by the pot luck dinner at 6:30 p.m. in McManus Parish Center. Please RSVP no later than Friday, November 13.



TAKE A CHANCE TO WIN

100 FIVE DOLLAR NEW YORK STATE LOTTERY SCRATCH-OFF TICKETS

\$10 per chance

Tickets can be purchased at the rear of the church after the Masses as well as in the parish office during the week. Drawing date to be announced.



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

Table with 4 columns: Category, 11/2/14, 11/1/15, Difference. Rows include Adults, Children, and Total.

The collection for All Saints Day was \$1,020.00



The true purpose of tithing is to secure not the tithe, but the tither; not the gift, but the giver; not your money, but you... for God. 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!

WHAT WE HAVE DONE FOR OURSELVES ALONE DIES WITH US; WHAT WE HAVE DONE FOR OTHERS AND THE WORLD REMAINS AND IS IMMORTAL.

~ Albert Pike



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ethel Thomas, Aldina Pereira, Rebecca Conroy, Andy DeFabritis, Maria Marte, Rosalie Heit, Florence B. Swetz, Clare Yaskovic, Deacon James Byrnes, Andrea Objay, Carmen Torres, Frank Marra, Deacon Patrick Troy, Josephine Apuzzo, Gary Roth, Joyann Allan, Lois Burton, Mary DeStefano, Mark Cianfaglione, Shawn Colon, Margaret Maccia, Nicole Ryan Betancourt, Anthony Spinner, Audrey Falcone, Kathleen Hayes, Marge Muraik, Nicole Pisani-Frame, Louis Petrulo, Cynthia Swiatkiewicz, Jimmy Maimone, Roseanne Mercandetti, Louis Brusco, Josephine Daniele, Jennifer Dorsey, Valerie Riccardi, Fatima Panik, Marian Fletcher, Anna Bonacci, Minerva Hernandez, Paula Parente, Bridget O'Malley, Gerald Mazzerese, Jr., Patricia Keane, Carol Stola, Karen Aprea, Stephen Sarich, Neil Cawley, Barbara McCormack, Josephine Lehotyak, Lawrence Girsch, Fran Romano, Joe Forlini, Rosemarie Petti, Marie Murtha, Mary Walsh, Natalie Marrero, Richard Meyers, Carlo Gentile, Angelo Gianfrancesco, Vince Delgado, Charles Wighton, Michael Tomanelli, Steven Colon, Gina Obalde, Ann Lackner, Ariella Castillo, Brian Detz, John Marietti, Dominick Gravino, Angelica Blanco, Joseph Melillo, Gail Chappory, Agnes Masterson, Gregory Clemens, Carol Hoffman, Randolph Castillo, Jr., Carolyn & Lawrence Mesler, Grace Finnerty, Mary Ann Klobosits, Theresa Venturino, Nicholas Arzola, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Maryellen Esposito and Helen Clemens.

NOVEMBER 8, 2015

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, November 7 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Deceased Members of the Pisacreta family

Sunday, November 8

8:30 AM Peter Klee +

10:00 AM Rachel & Ermanno Travaglini +

11:30 AM Novena for Our Deceased Loved Ones

5:00 PM Ramberto Blanco +

Monday, November 9

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

7:00 AM Rita Bolduc +

9:00 AM Tatyana Shannon (Living)

Tuesday, November 10

Saint Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM Novena for Our Deceased Loved Ones

9:00 AM Marcello Barcello +

Wednesday, November 11

Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

9:00 AM Dr. Louis J. Loscalzo +

Thursday, November 12

Saint Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr

7:00 AM Constance Ballanno +

9:00 AM Theresa Sarich +

Friday, November 13

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

7:00 AM Gus Rynne +

9:00 AM Lucena Dorozan +

Saturday, November 14

Weekday

9:00 AM Anna Lorence & Alfred Falcone +

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, November 14 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Mary & Joseph Cuzzo +

Sunday, November 15

8:30 AM Adolf Steffens +

10:00 AM Loretta & Michael Kennedy +

11:30 AM Rita & Edward Hoffmeister +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

