

Saint Bartholomew's Church

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute." *Lk 21:13-15*

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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: Sam Farraj, Anna Legio

Our Talents, God's Gifts

Wise and foolish investments, banks, even interest rates – today's parable permits no escape from life in the real world or from the fact that it will one day end. Those planning to be ready for the Lord's return can't just hang around waiting. Again, today's Old Testament illumines the Gospel. Proverbs' worthy wife is praised neither for good looks nor gracious manners, but for her industry, skill, conscientious development of God-given gifts, and generosity in serving others with them. The contrast with the parable's cautious servant could hardly be more striking. Thus, Proverbs' wife confirms the first two servants' resourcefulness in developing their "talents."

Not that while "talent" in Proverbs means what we mean by the word, Matthew's "talent" refers to an astronomical sum of money, equivalent to twenty years' wages! Today, when so much hard-earned, carefully invested money has evaporated, our true wealth is more clearly defined by Proverbs' "talents:" our abilities, natural or acquired, skills studiously perfected, generously shared.

Lest we, like the lazy servant, think our Master too demanding, not that there is no mention of the Master taking back the sum entrusted to the first two servants or the profit they made with it. Rather, the cautious servant's fate serves to jolt us out of the "peace and security", complacency Paul warns against (1 Thessalonians 5:3). Rather than caution, the Christian community and individual disciples must undertake creative, even daring initiatives for the Kingdom, take a chance on the wealth the Master has invested in us, and encourage others to do the same.

Question of the Week

How am I investing those talents entrusted to me by the Master?
(Pastoral Patterns, Autumn 2017).

Our Pastoral Council Members

Last Sunday we introduced our 2017-2018 Pastoral Council members. Here are their names:

Elected and Appointed Members:

Greg Anderson	Tony Martelli
Anthonia Obasa	Melissa Decker-Alifanz
Cheryl Russo	Skip Caloia
Maryellen Esposito	Anna Marchetti

Special Positions

Efren Samarita	Parish Life Commission
Yanny Orozco	Parish Life Commission
Jennifer Batac	Parish Life Commission
Cheryl Duda	Faith Formation Commission
Patricia Szeliga	Faith Formation Commission
Rich Scardino	Outreach/Evangelization Com.
Clemencia Wong	Liturgy Commission

Sam Farraj	Trustee
Anna Legio	Trustee
Deacon Robert Clemens	

I hope this will help to make them more visible in the parish. You can always send them your suggestions and concerns.

Blessings on you and your family as we head into the Thanksgiving Weekend.

Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP

PARISH NEWS



Parish Pastoral Council: The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will meet this Monday, November 20th, at 7:00 pm in the school building. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially Fannie Montanarello and Victor Segarra.

First Communion and Confirmation classes:

Children in public school who have entered 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.

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. **Please contact Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676 if you or somebody you know might be interested in any of these programs.**



Congratulations to Manuel Alonso for receiving his Catechist certification from the Bishop at Maryknoll last week.

St. Bart's will be conducting the 88th blood drive in the 36 years since 1981 on **Friday, November 24th at the McManus Parish Center from 1:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** St Bart's parishioners and friends have made 6610 donations to date! We are traditionally asked to run drives during the holiday periods when the need for blood is great and donations are usually down. **If you can donate, please call Tony Sciacca at 914-423-3592 for an appointment** and tell your family and friends too.



BE "INFORMED" FOR NOVEMBER

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 Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. **Study:** *The Bible and the Virgin Mary*, **Watch:** *Mary of Nazareth*, **Read:** *The World's First Love*, or **Listen to:** *Answering Common Objections: Mary*. You can also **Watch:** *Beloved: The Dominicans of St. Cecilia*. Call Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676 if you have any questions.

PENNY DRIVE: Please remember to bring your pennies and deposit them in the jar in the back of the church. The pennies will be donated to the Missionary of St. Paul to help support their school on Abuja that provides education for poor children. **Next week is the last week for this drive.** Thank you for your generosity.

SAVE THE DATES

FAMILY FAITH FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND NOON TO 2 P.M.



FAMILY BREAKFAST:
DECEMBER 3RD, WITH SANTA'S BREAKFAST
& JANUARY 7TH
AFTER THE 8:30, 10:00 AND 11:30 A.M.
MASSES

Join us after the three morning Masses for some
breakfast and social time with your fellow parishioners.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16TH



This Thursday, November 23rd is Thanksgiving Day. There will be
only one Mass at 10 a.m. All parishioners are encouraged to come and
give thanks to God for all His blessings at the annual Thanksgiving
Day Mass. The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday and Friday,
November 23rd and 24th.

THANKSGIVING SHARING TABLE

It has been the custom at our Parish for those attending the 10 a.m.
Thanksgiving Day Mass to bring something for our Sharing Table.
Typically this would be along the lines of a pie, special bread, a
favorite dessert, candy, or flowers. At the end of Mass all items on the
table are blessed and all are welcome to choose an item to add to their
holiday table, thus sharing our meal with our Parish family

Our YOUTH GROUP meets on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of
each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass, in
the school building. Follow our Youth Group on
Twitter @St_Barts-Youth.



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.

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.

LOCAL EVENTS

The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers will hold its
Christmas Luncheon on Friday, December 1, 2017 at 1 p.m.
Gianna's Restaurant, 1034 North Broadway, Yonkers, NY
10701. (Executive Park corner of Odell Terrace and North
Broadway) Cost is \$25, payable at the luncheon. New and
former members and guests are welcome. For more information
call 914-423-5331.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING
Sunday Collection Update

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows: Amount Needed Weekly (\$7,000.00), Actual Received Last Sunday (\$5,475.10), Balance (- \$1,524.90)

*(Envelopes \$5,475.10, Online (unavailable this week, due to
transition of Parish Pay to WeShare (LPI). Will be reported at end
of month).

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows: Amount Needed for Month of November (\$28,000.00), Amount Collected Thus Far (\$11,532.20)

***Please note that the online giving program Parish Pay.com
is in the process of migrating to LPI's WeShare Service. The
transition started on October 9th. Contact the Parish Office
for more information.***

"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, Richard (Dick)
Novak, Eileen Fitzpatrick and Cynthia Mascetta King.

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

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and
love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt
gratitude in this time of giving thanks.

Thank you for all the graces and blessings. You have bestowed
upon us, spiritual and temporal: our faith and religious heritage.

Our food and shelter, our health, the loves we have for one
another, our family and friends.

Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued
graces and blessing throughout the coming year.

This we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your Son and our Brother.
Amen

November 19, 2017

Mass  *for the*
Intentions *Week*

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, November 18 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Rita & Edward Hoffmeister +

Sunday, November 19, 2017

8:30 AM Peter Klee +
10:00 AM Aureo Pinto Sr. +
11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish
5:00 PM Judy Sierra +

Monday, November 20

Weekday
7:00 AM Maria De Simone +
9:00 AM Dave Mardini+

Tuesday, November 21

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:00 AM Maria De Simone +
9:00 AM Leonard Kurz (Living)

Wednesday, November 22

Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
7:00 AM Maria De Simone +
9:00 AM Margaret T. Maccia +

Thursday, November 23

Weekday—Thanksgiving
10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

Friday, November 24

Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Companions, Martyrs
7:00 AM Helen Campbell +
9:00 AM Florence McCormack +

Saturday, November 25

Weekday
9:00 AM Anthony Esposito +

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Saturday, November 25 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Albert Pragana+

Sunday, November 26, 2017

8:30 AM Adolf Steffens +
10:00 AM Frank G. Nanoia +
11:30 AM Lena & Patrick Castaldo +
5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

November 19, 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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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.