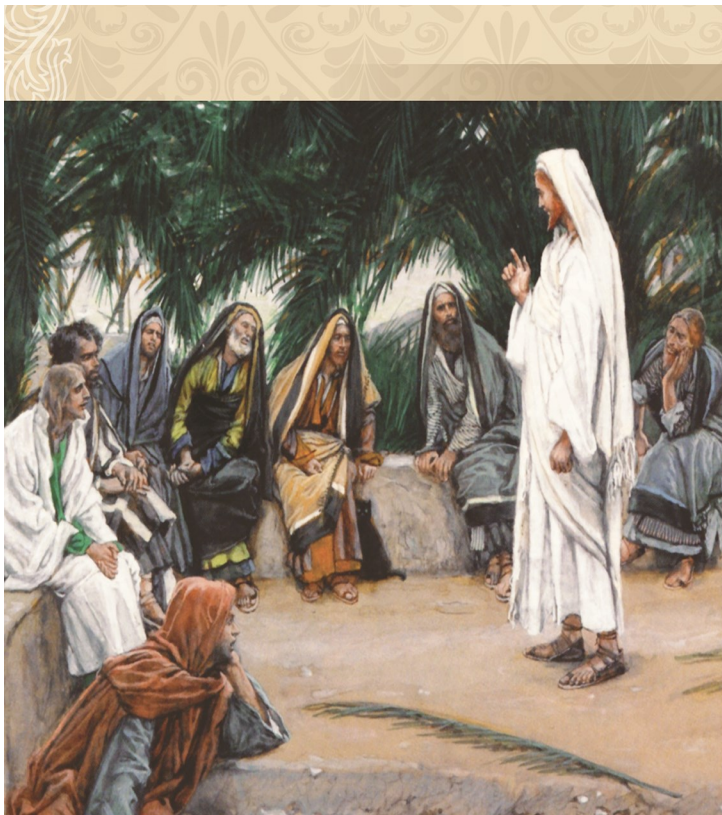


# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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6<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are you when people hate you,  
and when they exclude and insult you,  
and denounce your name as evil  
on account of the Son of Man." - Lk 6:22

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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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:** Sam Farraj, Anna Legio

## RECEIVE THE BLESSINGS OF GOD

Blessings and curses. The first half of this pair is always wonderful, the second half is worrisome. Many times it is obvious why God curses someone or something: the serpent encourages Eve to disobey, the fig tree will not bear fruit, the wicked lead others astray. But why curse those who trust in other people, those who have plenty, or those who laugh? It is important to see the context. In Jeremiah, God is not cursing a husband who trusts in his spouse or a child who trusts in her parent. Those who are cursed are those who turn away from the Lord and put their trust in fallible creatures. Jesus notices that some have more than enough while others suffer from want. Some turn a blind eye to others' misery. These people will have difficult futures.



Jesus turns the world upside down. Those enjoying riches, happiness and fame will have their success crumble. Those suffering from hunger, poverty, and derision will be rewarded in the end. This is the paradoxical nature of the kingdom of God. After all, this is the kingdom that Saint Paul refers to in the second reading, the kingdom to which Jesus ascended in the greatest reversal of all: by dying as a criminal on the cross, He was raised to eternal glory.

Jeremiah, Paul, and Jesus all call us to transform our lives. We can do this by changing our perspective. To use Paul's words, we are called not for this life only, but for eternal life with God.

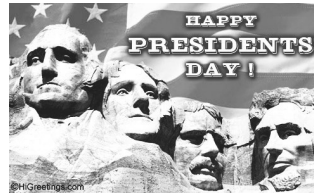
## QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How can I change the way I live my life in accordance with the Beatitudes: What can I do to receive the blessings of God and to help others receive those blessings as well?

Feel God  
in every gentle touch.  
See God  
in every happy face.  
Hear God  
in every caring word.  
Receive God's blessings  
every day of your life.



# PARISH NEWS

**PRESIDENT'S DAY:** This Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup> is President's Day, a legal holiday. **THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED AND THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE MASS AT 9 A.M.**

All Catholic children attending public schools should enroll in a religious education program. Please call Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676 for more information.

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This month, the Religious Education Program is sponsoring a service project to benefit the Elizabeth Ann Seton Pediatric Center in Yonkers. The Center is in the process of starting a baby book club for their residents and have asked for donations for new books. Because the children who reside there are medically fragile, strict infection control guidelines must be followed and they can only accept new books.



We recognize that everyone might not have time to shop for a book, so if you would like the Religious Education Program to purchase a gift for you, please send in a \$5 donation (or whatever amount you would like) in an envelope marked: Donation—Books for Seton Hospital or give the donation to Cheryl Duda. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676.



**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 the program.

**BE "INFORMED" FOR FEBRUARY**

We hope you are enjoying the free parish subscription to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org).

Not on formed yet? Go to [saintbartparish.formed.org](http://saintbartparish.formed.org). Click Register, then enter your name, e-mail address and desired password. You are now registered to enjoy the free parish subscription which gives you 24/7 access to over 300 quality catholic on line programs, 99+ movies, 101+ audios, and 98+ E-books.

On February 20<sup>th</sup>, we remember Saints Francisco and Jacinta Marto. Watch: *Finding Fatima*, *the 13<sup>th</sup> Day*, or *The day the Sun Danced: The True Story of Fatima*. February 22<sup>nd</sup> is the *Feast of the Chair of St. Peter, Apostle*. Study: *Lectio: Peter* or watch: *Saint Peter*, or *Keys of the Kingdom: Understanding the Papacy*.

**Our food pantry has a need for the following items: pasta sauce and rice.** Please keep this in mind on your next trip to the supermarket. Thank you for your continuing support!!





**PARISH EVENTS**  
*FEBRUARY*

**Youth Week: February 17<sup>th</sup> to February 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
For more details, please see Ellen Chimenti



**Healing Mass:**  
**February 27<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.**



*MARCH*

**Pasta Party:**

**Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> after the 5 p.m. Mass**  
In Honor of Vincent J. Campisi  
*Sponsored by the Holy Name Society*



**Parish Mission:**

**Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**



The **2019 Mass Book** is 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.



PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MASS BOOK FOR 2020 WILL OPEN ON ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup> AFTER THE 9 A.M. MASS

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 this Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. **Reminder that this coming week is Youth Week. 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.

Our **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (AGES 4-10)** meets the third Friday each month at 6:30 p.m. in the school building.

**LOCAL NEWS**

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 will take place this Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 1 p.m. For more information, please call 914 423-5331. New members are welcome.

**Frank Conroy Basketball Camp** for boys/girls ages 6 to 14. Register online at [www.conroybasketballcamp.com](http://www.conroybasketballcamp.com). The basics such as dribbling, shooting, passing and defense are taught. When: this Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Where: Holy Trinity Church in New Rochelle. Please direct questions to Coach Conroy at 914 980-0820.



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

Amount Needed Weekly	\$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$5,108.95
Balance	- <b>\$1,891.05</b>

\*(Envelopes \$4,637.95 , \$471 Online)

Amount Needed for Month of February	<b>\$28,000.00</b>
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$10,770.75

**THE SECOND COLLECTION IN SUPPORT OF PETER'S**  
**PENCE TOTALED : \$974.15**

"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 fill out the cards 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, Mary De Santis, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Theresa Venturino, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Larry Vandak, Harold Sullivan, Clare Yaskovic, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Edison Blanco, Steven Sarich, and John McKenna.

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

**SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING**  
**EASY LINK FROM THE PARISH WEBSITE**

You can set up separate one time or recurring donations for the different collections (regular weekly, snow removal, Christmas, etc.) or you may wish to begin with the regular collections, try it out and when you are comfortable, you can sign up for the others. Also, know if you set up for recurring donations, you are in full control and can always change or cancel at any time. And by donating in this manner you may get the added benefit of accumulating additional points or cash on your credit card while at the same time helping out the parish. So, give it a try and sign up today!!!! **Go to:**



**[www.saintbartsparish.org](http://www.saintbartsparish.org) and click on the We Share online giving link. (WE SHARE HAS REPLACED PARISH PAY).**

February 17, 2019

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Mass  for the  
Intentions *Week*

**Saturday, February 16 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Robert & Lillian Kurtz +  
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**Sunday, February 17, 2019**

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 AM Robert Liddell +  
10:00 AM Rosalie & Isadore Heit +  
11:30 AM Henry Kielkucki +  
5:00 PM Bogdan Milewski +

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**Monday, February 18– President’s Day**

**Weekday**

9:00 AM Margaret & Carmine Maccia +

**Tuesday, February 19**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Margaret & Michael Hickey +  
9:00 AM Mary Esposito +

**Wednesday, February 20**

**Weekday**

7 00AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Arnaldo De Sanctis +

**Thursday, February 21**

**Weekday**

7 00AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Anna Whiteman +

**Friday, February 22**

**The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle**

7 00AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Joan Ford +

**Saturday, February 23**

**Saint Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr**

9:00 AM Raffaele Di Natale +  
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**Saturday, February 23 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Charles Sullivan +  
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**Sunday, February 24, 2019**

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 AM Frances Starkenberg +  
10:00 AM Michael Castagnozzi & Mary Ann Karpinski +  
11:30 AM Frank Lutomski, Sr. +  
5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

February 17, 2019

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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:

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Address:

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City/Zip:

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Telephone:

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Comment:

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- 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.