

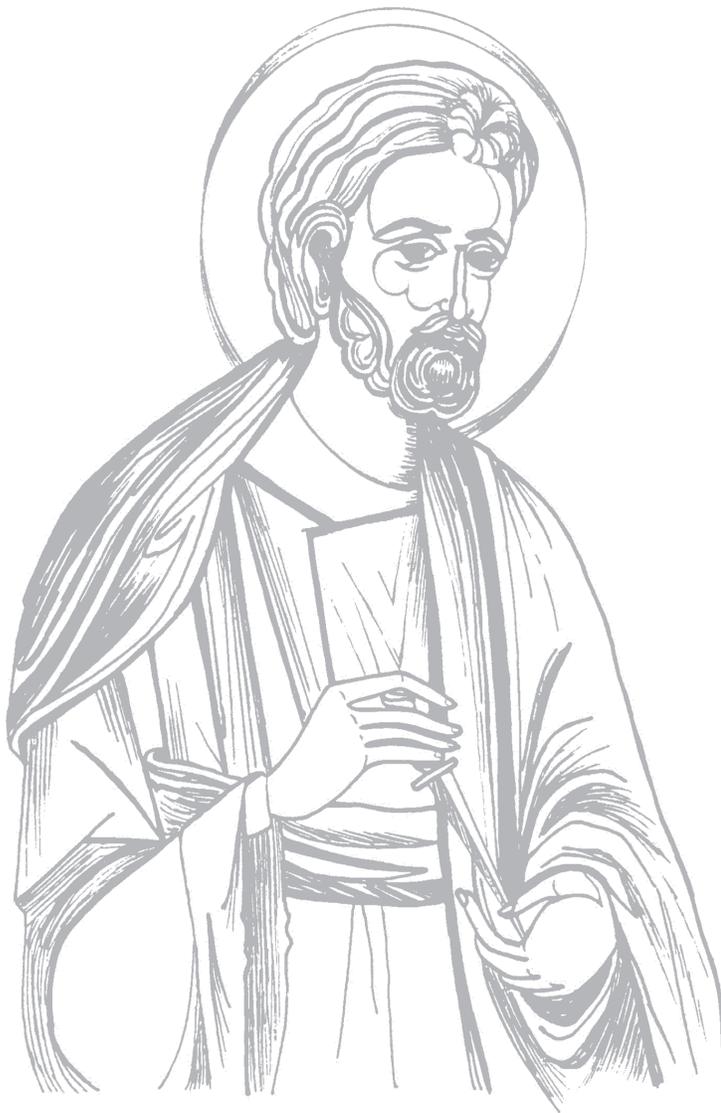
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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and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

I guess in a way, the political stage is always full of drama. When analysts and pundits say that this political season has been one of the worst, I don't know if this assessment is part of that drama or not. But what I'm seeing and hearing is surely full of drama. Sadly, it is also real and concerns the lives of millions and the future of our country.



Both candidates have been, to say the least, like the Pharisee in the gospel today (Luke 18:9-14). Each has consistently touted their qualities which, for them are God sent, particularly at this time in the history of the nation. Here are the words of the Pharisee:

"O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity – greedy, dishonest, adulterous – or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay my tithes on my whole income".

With minor adjustments, these words could easily be those of Trump and Clinton. What I don't know is whether they actually believe themselves like the Pharisee actually did. If they do, that would be indeed sadder and more tragic. It all points to pride.

On the other hand, we hear the publican or tax collector's humble prayer. Simple, and straight to the point: "O God, be merciful to me a sinner." That takes tons of courage and humility! That's a sign of mature person. No wonder he went home at peace with God.

After the debate on Wednesday night, I wonder which of the two candidates went home at peace with God. Do they even go home at peace with themselves? And I guess that's the nature of politics – it comes with the territory. Sadly.

For me, they squandered the few opportunities they had to truly humble themselves and pray like the tax collector and ask for forgiveness from the American people and from God. What we got was (and is always) a forced confession and an empty, halfhearted and short-lived apology, thanks to the media and WikiLeaks. And even as they apologized, they were still covering up a whole lot of things. Which is human so to say. But then I'd somehow expect them to not be so bold and audacious, like the Pharisee, in accusing the other candidate of the same and even worse sins. The Pharisee was even better than them – he actually didn't do what he said he didn't do. Politicians from Nigeria to the U.S. would actually do the things they boldly tell us they never did. If caught, they render a fake apology.

So, why am I wasting your time telling you what you obviously know already? As I write this, I'm very conscious that I'm ironically also behaving like the Pharisee, sitting at my desk on this warm afternoon, feeling as though I'm better than our two candidates and passing judgment on them. I guess I have to examine or judge their characters and policies to determine how to vote. But I realized that there's a politician, or a Pharisee in each of us.

We all must strive to imitate the tax collector, because together and individually we have fallen short of the glory of God. We all help to make the world a bad place to live. And we will all help to make the world, our country, our society, our homes, our beloved parish, our school, our work place, etc, a better place to live and to be.

May we all (politicians and citizens) imitate, always, the tax collector's beautiful example of humility, and may we strive to avoid the Pharisee's tragic example of pride that goes before the fall. Amen.

Fr. Raphael Ezeh, MSP

PARISH NEWS



The **ALTAR BREAD & WINE** for this week are donated in loving memory of Joan Oliver by Mary Ellen Pease.

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.



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.



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 Food Pantry will be gearing up for Thanksgiving in November with a special **Thanksgiving Food Drive.** Thanksgiving appropriate, non-perishable fixings, especially, canned vegetables (especially sweet potatoes), canned fruit, boxed mashed potatoes, coffee, tea, and juices are needed. More details in next week's bulletin.



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.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass, in the school building. Our next meeting is November 6th and the youth will be having their Thanksgiving dinner celebration. All youths age 13 and up are invited.



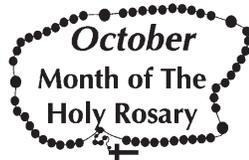
Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @
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2017 MASS BOOK IS OPEN

The Mass Book for 2017 opened on Ash Wednesday and there are a few dates open in this year's Mass Book, as well. Consider giving a loved one or someone (living or deceased) who has a special place in your life the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. Come to the Parish Office, **Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.** to make arrangements or to inquire about the availability of a date.

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.



O Jesus living in Mary, come and live in Your servants, in the spirit of Your holiness, in the fullness of Your might, in the perfection of Your ways, in the truth of Your virtues, in the communion of Your mysteries. Subdue every hostile power, the devil, the world and the flesh, in the strength of Your Spirit, for the glory of Your Father, Amen

Prayer of St. Louis de Montfort

*The fruit of **SILENCE** is prayer,
The fruit of **PRAYER** is faith.
The fruit of **FAITH** is love,
The fruit of **LOVE** is service.
The fruit of **SERVICE** is **PEACE**.*

Saint Mother Teresa



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

	10/18/15	10/16/16	Difference
Adults	\$4,264.70	\$5,692.55	+\$1,427.85
Children	\$ 171.10	\$ 170.75	-\$.35
Total	\$4,435.80	\$5,863.30	+\$1,427.50

The collection for World Mission Sunday totaled \$1,099.15

"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!

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 the sick and the homebound members 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.

LOCAL EVENTS

The Serra Club of Bronx & Westchester Luncheon October 26th, 2016

Eastchester Manor located at Eastchester Road and Boston Post Road. Guest speaker is Msgr. Edward M. Barry, PV, of St. Patrick's Parish in Yorktown Heights. The Serra Club is an international organization to foster and promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Cost is \$25.00 per person, RSVP to 718 671-8915.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

A reminder that Knights of Columbus representatives will be selling raffle tickets after all of the Masses next Saturday, October 29th and Sunday, October 30th. Take a chance and support their efforts. There are great First, Second and Third Prizes!!!!

OCTOBER 23, 2016

*Mass for the
Intentions  for the
Week*

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 +

Monday, October 24

Weekday

7:00 AM Reverend Anthony Ita Bassey, MSP +
9:00 AM Maria & Francesco Falcone +

Tuesday, October 25

Weekday

7:00 AM Joseph Nguyen +
9:00 AM Chi Shu Wong + & for Consolation of Family

Wednesday, October 26

Weekday

7:00 AM Lourdes Torres +
9:00 AM John Mahoney +

Thursday, October 27

Weekday

7:00 AM Maria Nguyen +
9:00 AM Carole Pollock +

Friday, October 28

Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles

7:00 AM John & Eleanore Del Bene +
9:00 AM Marie Murphy +

Saturday, October 29

Weekday

9:00 AM Eleanor Hassan (living)

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, October 29 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Mary & Joseph Cuzzo +

Sunday, October 30

8:30 AM Carl Laredo +
10:00 AM Robert Batac (living)
11:30 AM Donato Sacchetta +
5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

SIMON AND JUDE

Jude is so named by John, Luke and Acts, Matthew and Mark call him Thaddeus. He is not mentioned elsewhere in the Gospels, except of course, where all the apostles are referred to. Scholars hold that he is not the author of the Letter of Jude. Actually, Jude had the same name as Judas Iscariot. Evidently because of the disgrace of that name, it was shortened to “Jude” in English.



Simon is mentioned on all four lists of the apostles. On two of them he is called “the Zealot.” The Zealots were a Jewish sect that represented an extreme of Jewish nationalism. For them, the messianic promise of the Old Testament meant that the Jews were to be a free and independent nation. God alone was their king, and any payment of taxes to the Romans—the very domination of the Romans—was a blasphemy against God. No doubt some of the Zealots were the spiritual heirs of the Maccabees, carrying on their ideals of religion and independence. But many were the counterparts of modern terrorists. They raided and killed, attacking both foreigners and “collaborating” Jews. They were chiefly responsible for the rebellion against Rome which ended in the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70



COMMENT: As in the case of all the apostles except for Peter, James and John, we are faced with men who are really unknown, and we are struck by the fact that their holiness is simply taken to be a gift of Christ. He chose some unlikely people: a former Zealot, a former (crooked) tax collector, an impetuous fisherman, two “sons of thunder” and a man named Judas Iscariot.

It is a reminder that we cannot receive too often. Holiness does not depend on human merit, culture, personality, effort or achievement. It is entirely God’s creation and gift.

God needs no Zealots to bring about the kingdom by force. Jude like all the saints, is the saint of the impossible: only God can create His divine life in human beings. And God wills to do so, for all of us.

QUOTE: “Just as Christ was sent by the Father, so also He sent the apostles, filled with the Holy Spirit. This He did so that, by preaching the gospel to every creature (cf. Mark 16:15), they might proclaim that the Son of God, by His death and resurrection, had freed us from the power of Satan (c. Acts 26:18) and from death, and brought us into the kingdom of His Father” (*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, 6)

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