

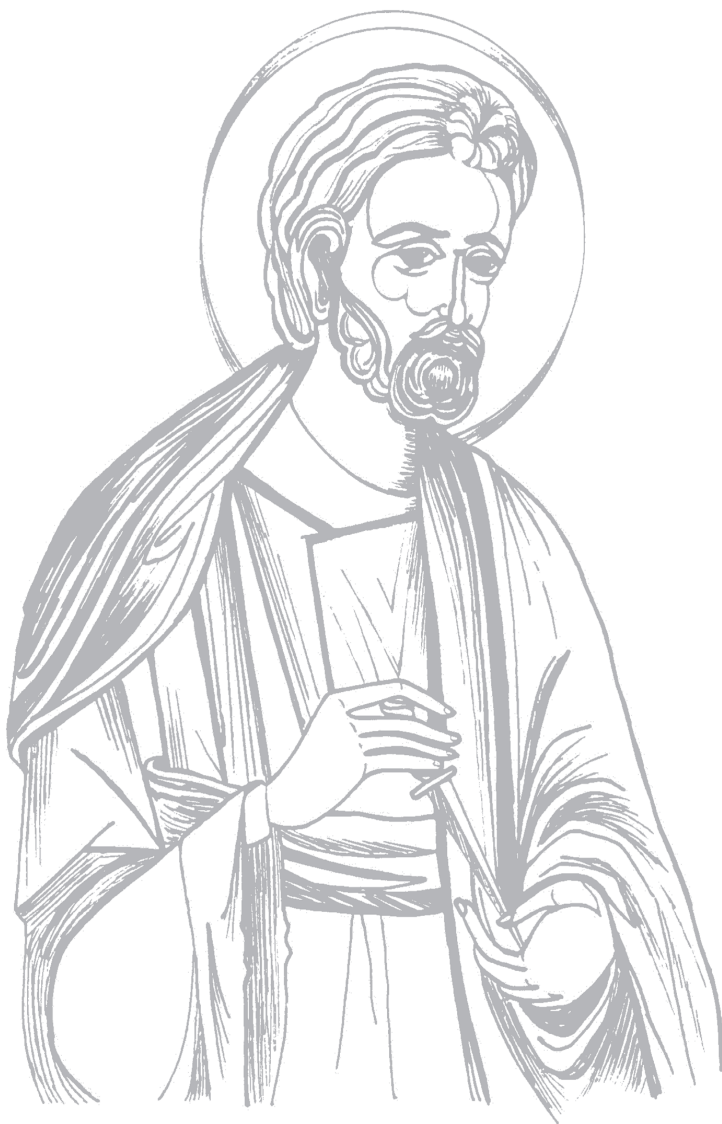
# St. Bartholomew's Church



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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:* Angela Brusco, Louis Caloia

**“Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who called to the supper of the Lamb”**



We should be very familiar with this part of the Mass that invites us to partake in the Holy Communion. These are the words that follow **“Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us”**.

I was in Chicago when the Church introduced the new changes at Mass. Pastors were encouraged to use the opportunity to teach or remind parishioners about what we do at the various parts of Mass, their biblical background, and why we do them. The two quotes below should be very familiar to us. But let's trace their biblical background and hopefully, that will remind us of why we say these words and enrich our participation even more.

You surely recall the story of Joseph, his brothers and their descendants in Egypt from the final chapters of the Book of Genesis. Recall how God used Moses to deliver them from slavery (Exodus). That was the first reference to the Paschal Lamb, probably 1300 years before Christ. Read the details in Exodus chapter 12. Each Israelite family was to kill an unblemished lamb and “take some of its blood and apply it to the two doorposts and the lintel of every house in which they partake of the lamb” (v. 7). *“For the Lord will go by, striking down the Egyptians. Seeing the blood on the lintel and the two doorposts, the Lord will pass over that door and not let the destroyer come into your houses to strike you down”* (v. 23). And so, by the blood of the lamb, the Jews were saved from destruction.

The second reference is a familiar Good Friday reading from Isaiah chapter 53. It refers to the Suffering Servant, Christ, the Lamb whose suffering brought justification to God's people. *“Thou he was harshly treated, he submitted and opened not his mouth; like a lamb led to the slaughter or a sheep before the shearers, he was silent and opened not his mouth”* (v. 7). And thus, *“thru his suffering, my servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear”* (v. 11), *“and he shall take away the sins of many, and win pardon for their offenses”* (v. 12).

The final reference is from the book of Revelation, chapter 5. Verse 9 speaks of the Lamb who was slain and whose blood was used to purchase for God those from every tribe and tongue, people and nation”. Finally, the Lamb is now seated at the throne from where He reigns.

So, when the priest raises the Body of Christ and invites us to Holy Communion with those words, picture the three references or biblical foundations for this part of the Mass. Hopefully, those images will help enrich your participation at Mass and the grace you gain from it. Focusing on such images is definitely better than thinking of shopping and laundry and whatever else our minds wander off to.

**Blessings and peace.**

*Fr. Raphael Ezeh*

# PARISH NEWS



**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'S BIRTHDAY:** This Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, is a legal holiday; the Parish Office will be closed; and there will only be one Mass at 9 a.m. that day.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will meet this Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the school. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting.



The **SANCTUARY LAMP** is lit in loving memory of Daniel De Rosa by Dolly De Rosa.



The **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY** meeting will be held this Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> (due to the cancellation of the January 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting), at 7:30 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center. All women of the Parish are invited.



*Rest in Peace* Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially Benjamin Pelliccio and Larry Girsch.



**All Catholic children attending public schools should enroll in a religious education program.** **Religious Education helps to build a strong foundation** Please call (476-6676) for more information.



**CHILDREN'S MASS:** Please make it a point to bring your child to our Children's Mass next Sunday and the rest of the Sundays in January. The 10 a.m. Mass will focus on our children. The Parish Children's Choir will sing at the Mass. The children are encouraged to sit with other children at a designated place during the Mass.



**ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES:** If you or an adult you know has not been Confirmed and would like to explore the possibility, please contact the Religious Education Office at (914) 476-6676.



**REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES, LIVING AND DEAD** The Mass Book for 2017 is open and has some availability. Consider giving a loved one the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. or you may consider offering the Altar flowers, Altar bread and wine, Altar candles, or lighting the Sanctuary lamp for a week for your intention. Come to the Parish Office, **Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** to make arrangements or to inquire about date availability.

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TME

Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass, in the school building. Their next meeting is Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>.



All youths age 13 and up are invited.

**YOUTH WEEK WILL BE THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19<sup>th</sup>.**  
*Stay tuned for further details.*

Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @St\_Barts\_youth.

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:** Held after the 9 a.m. Mass on Mondays.

**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.

### YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

February 10 - 12

Marianist Family Retreat Center

Cape May, NJ 08212

Call 609 884-3829, Anthony Fucci, Center Director or

[www.capemaymarianists.org](http://www.capemaymarianists.org)

This weekend is for young adults (ages 22 - 35, married or single) who wish to examine their personal faith in relation to God, self, coworkers, and others. There will be a time for Eucharist, prayer experiences, faith sharing, social interaction and free time to explore Cape May and Cape May Point.

Cost: \$130 per person, double occupancy, (*Financial Aid available*)

### ARCHDIOCESAN CATECHETICAL OFFICE 2017

CALLING ALL CATHOLIC TEACHERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

#### FELLOWSHIP, INSPIRATION & LUNCH

Saturday, January 28, 2017

9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

\$25.00 per person, Checks payable to Catechetical Center

Mail your check to: 56 Dunston Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10701

Held at Maryknoll Society Center, 55 Ryder Road, Ossining, NY 10562

Any questions, please contact Sr. Zelide M. Ceccagno at 914 965-0490

Or Christina Barreta, at [artisanmusician80@msn.com](mailto:artisanmusician80@msn.com)

### ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH, LARCHMONT, NY

Bereavement Support Group

January 23 to March 20, 2017

Every Monday from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Contact Sister Muriel at 914 834-1220, ext. 23 or

[srmuriel@staugustineny.org](mailto:srmuriel@staugustineny.org)

### MARCH FOR LIFE

Reserve your seats **NOW** with **St. Joseph' Church** for a pilgrimage to Washington, DC. on **Friday, January 27, 2017!** The fare is **\$50 per adult and \$25 per child (10-17 yrs.)** accompanied by a parent or with signed parental permission. Call **(914) 963-0730** for more information.

**Any donation to help with the transportation expenses would be most welcome.**



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

Amount Needed Weekly	\$8,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$5,654.90*
<b>Balance</b>	<b>-\$2,345.10</b>
*(Envelopes \$5,349.90+ Online \$305)	

Amount Needed for Month of January	\$40,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$12,746.40

The collection for Building and Grounds totaled \$1,011.85

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](http://www.parishpay.com) or contact the Parish Office. So far, we have 12 families that have signed up. If you have difficulties signing up, please contact Parish Pay at (866) 727-4741 or call the Parish Office.



Please pray for all the sick & 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, and Daniel Pezzola.

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



*Nations shall walk by your light ...* We as Catholics must be a light to the world. Spend a weekend growing closer to your spouse and to God and make your marriage/Holy Orders to be a

“light” shining brighter than ever. For more information on Worldwide Marriage Encounter or for upcoming dates, call (877) 697-9963, ext. 3 or go to [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org).

Worldwide Marriage Encounter's mission of renewal in the Church and change in the world is to assist couples and priests to live fully intimate and responsible relationships by providing them with a Catholic “experience” and ongoing community support for such a lifestyle.

**JANUARY 15, 2017**

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*Mass*  *for the*  
*Intentions* *Week*

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Saturday, January 14 (Vigil Mass)**

5:00 PM Clement Giuriceo +

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**Sunday, January 15**

8:30 AM Frances Starkenberg +

10:00 AM Arlene Tiplady +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

5:00 PM Maria De Carmen Vazquez & Julio Blanco +

**Monday, January 16**

**Weekday—Martin Luther King Jr., Holiday**

9:00 AM Giacomo & Blanche Bilancia +

**Tuesday, January 17**

**Saint Anthony, Abbot**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Daniel Pezzola (Living)

**Wednesday, January 18**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Rosario Bautista (Living)

9:00 AM Denis Lavelle +

**Thursday, January 19**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Daniel De Rosa +

**Friday, January 20**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Anthony Esposito +

**Saturday, January 21**

**Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr**

9:00 AM Kevin Wasiczko +

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**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Saturday, January 21 (Vigil Mass)**

5:00 PM Joseph & Lucy Laudadio +

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**Sunday, January 22**

8:30 AM Nicholas & Mary Maccia +

10:00 AM Maddalena & Paul Coniglio & Joe Parisi +

11:30 AM Reverend Anthony Ita Bassey, MSP +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish



**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.

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**Saint Agnes, Virgin & Martyr  
January 21**

Almost nothing is known of this saint except that she was very young—twelve or thirteen—when she was martyred in the last half of the third century. Various modes of death have been suggested—beheading, burning, strangling.

Legend has it that she was a beautiful girl whom many young men wanted to marry. Among those she refused, one reported her to the authorities as being a Christian. She was arrested and confined to a house of prostitution. The legend continues that a man who looked upon her lustfully, lost his sight and had it restored by her prayer. She was condemned, executed and buried near Rome in a catacomb that eventually was named after her. The daughter of Constantine built a basilica in her honor.

*From Saint of the Day*