

# St. Bartholomew's Church



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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. 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:* Angela Brusco, Louis Caloia

*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.


**PARISH  
NEWS**


Peace and love to you and your family. Amen.

~ Reverend Raphael Ezech, MSP



**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'S BIRTHDAY:** This Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, is a legal holiday; the Rectory Office will be closed; and there will only be one Mass at 9 a.m. that day.

The **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY** meeting will be held this Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center. All women of the Parish are invited.



**CHILDREN'S MASS:** Please make it a point to bring your child to our Children's Mass 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.



**All Catholic children attending public schools should enroll in a religious education program.** Please call (476-6676) for more information.

**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 on (914) 476-6676.



**REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES, LIVING AND DEAD**  
The Mass Book for 2016 is open and has availability. Consider giving a loved one the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. Also, 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 Rectory Office, **Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.** to make arrangements or to inquire about the availability of a particular date.



*Rest in Peace*

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Joseph Melillo.

The **CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** will meet this **Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m.** in Room 111 of St. John's Riverside Hospital, 967 North Broadway, Yonkers, for education & support to help cope with cancer. Call (914) 964-4441 for information..

# MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

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.

## YOUTH WEEK

Monday to Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>

The Youth Group will be starting their week with a retreat on Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. Further details on Youth Week to follow in the upcoming weeks.

## ArchCare

The Continuing Care Community of the Archdiocese of NY Need help caring for yourself or someone else but not sure where to turn with questions about housing for seniors, access to healthcare, health-related legal and financial issues, food and nutrition, volunteer opportunities etc.; call ArchCare at 855 951-CARE.

The **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. All youths age 13 and up are invited. However, they will be meeting this Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>.

**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.



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

	1/11/15	1/10/16	Difference
Adults	\$5,063.05	\$4,631.90	-\$ 431.15
Children	\$ 170.10	\$ 129.95	-\$ 40.15
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,233.15</b>	<b>\$4,761.85</b>	<b>-\$ 471.30</b>

The Second Collection to support Catholic Communications and Catholic University totaled \$1,051.30.

**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 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 Swiatkowicz, 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, 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, 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., and Maryellen Esposito.

**A reminder that On Line Giving is now available at St. Bart's. Please pick up a flyer at the rear of the church if you are interested**



**JANUARY 17, 2016**

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

**Baptism of the Lord**

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

5:00 PM Frank & Carmela Legio +

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**Sunday, January 17**

8:30 AM Frances Starkenberg +

10:00 AM Arlene Tiplady +

11:30 AM Clement Giuriceo +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

**Monday, January 18**

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

9:00 AM Dennis LaValle +

**Tuesday, January 19**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Justin Colon (living)

9:00 AM Rose Leone +

**Wednesday, January 20**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Anthony Ponzini +

9:00 AM Helen Clemens +

**Thursday, January 21**

**Saint Agnes, Virgin & Martyr**

7:00 AM Deceased Members of Bolduc & Savard Families

9:00 AM Reverend Anthony Mbanefo, MSP (living)

**Friday, January 22**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Virginis Forte +

9:00 AM Mary Evans, Ernie & Irene Russo +

**Saturday, January 23**

**Weekday**

9:00 AM Frank Zito +

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**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, January 23 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Jack Gronowski & William Bruder +

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**Sunday, January 24**

8:30 AM Mary & Nicholas Maccia +

10:00 AM Anna Brucculeri +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

5:00 PM Reverend Patrick J. Mee +

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**ANTHONY  
ABBOT (251 - 356)  
JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>**



ST. ANTHONY

The life of Anthony will remind many people of Saint Francis of Assisi. At twenty, Anthony was so moved by the Gospel message, “Go, sell what you have, and give to [the] poor” (Mark10:21b), that he actually did just that with his large inheritance. He is different from Francis in that most of Anthony’s life was spent in solitude. He saw the world completely covered with snares, and gave the church and the world of solitary asceticism, great personal mortification and prayer. But no saint is antisocial, and Anthony drew many people to himself for spiritual healing and guidance.

At fifty-four, he responded to many requests and founded a sort of monastery of scattered cells. Again like Francis, he had great fear of “stately buildings and well-laden tables.”

At sixty, he hoped to be a martyr in the renewed Roman persecution of 311, fearlessly exposing himself to danger while giving moral and material support to those in prison. At eighty-eight, he was fighting the Arian heresy, that massive trauma from which it took the church centuries to recover. “The mule kicking over the altar” denied the divinity of Christ.

Anthony is associated in art with a T-shaped cross, a pig and a book. The pig and the book are symbols of his valiant warfare with the devil - the cross his constant means of power over evil spirits, the pig a symbol of the devil himself.

The book recalls his preference for “the book of nature” over the printed word. Anthony died in solitude at the age of 105.

**COMMENT:** In an age that smiles at the notion of devils and angels, a person known for having power over evil spirits must at least make us pause. And in a day when people speak of life as a “rat race,” one who devotes a whole life to solitude and prayer points to an essential of the Christian life in all ages. Anthony’s hermit life reminds us of the absoluteness of our break with sin and the totality of our commitment to Christ. Even in God’s good world, there is another world whose false values constantly tempt us.

**STORY:** Lest we be misled by the awesomeness of Anthony’s asceticism, we have a statement from his biographer that emphasizes the meaning and result of all Christian life: “Strangers knew him from among his disciples by the joy on his face.”

Even the great Emperor Constantine wrote to him, asking for his prayers. Anthony told his friends, “Don’t be surprised that the emperor writes to me - he’s just another man, as I am. But be astounded that God should have written to us, and that He has spoken to us by His Son.”

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