# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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"Do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited." - Lk 14:8bc he Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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 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, Joseph Chimenti

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

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#### **BE HUMBLE**



True humility increases our humanity. Turning our backs on the places of honor at a banquet to take a lesser seat means we are giving consideration to others. We acknowledge that other people have the same rights, have similar hopes and aspirations, and may be just

as deserving or even more so of an exalted position. We develop empathy for others. Truly, we are "loved more than a giver of gifts" (Sirach3:17), for we have given the gift of affirmation to our neighbor.

True humility makes us more hospitable. Taking the spotlight off ourselves directs that light on the value of others. Our empathy leads us to invite "the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind" (Luke 14:13), the neglected, the vulnerable, the marginalized, the outcasts. We want to tell them, "you are valued. You are important. You are treasured." Aware of it or not, we are doing God's work when we do so. After all, as we sang in the psalm, "God, in Your goodness, You have made a home for the poor" (cf. Psalm 68:11). We realize our home is enhanced by the presence of those commonly rejected.

Humility cuts against the grain of what society tells us every day. It means admitting that we are not capable

of doing it all ourselves, honestly acknowledging that we are not the best, realizing that we do not deserve all the riches that have come to us.



How fortunate we are to have a host who exalts us despite our unworthiness.

#### **QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

I am invited to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, though I admit, "Lord, I am not worthy." How fortunate we are to have a host who exalts us despite our unworthiness.

Blessings

Fr. Raphael, Ezeh, MSP

# PARISH NEWS



This Monday, September 2<sup>ND</sup> is Labor Day. The Parish Office will be closed. There will be only one Mass that day at 9 a.m.



The ALTAR FLOWERS, ALTAR BREAD AND WINE, SANCTUARY LAMP AND ALTAR CANDLES are donated in loving memory of Angelina Brusco by Lou and Angela Brusco.





## Calling all Seniors! Calling all Seniors!

Join fellow seniors for Mass and Gathering Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> for the 9 a.m. Mass with a Special Blessing followed by light refreshments and gathering in the rectory basement meeting room.

ADORATION & HOLY HOUR: This Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, is First Friday. We will have First Friday Adoration beginning at 9:30 a.m. and ending at 7 p.m. with a Holy Hour at 1 p.m. Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, is First Saturday. The Divine Mercy Holy Hour will begin at 3 p.m. All are invited to spend an hour to come and adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist.



#### FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES:

Register now for next year's Religious Education program. In



order to register, children must be, at a minimum, Religious entering first grade in September. Classes are held during the school year on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 For more information, please call the Religious Education Office. The phone number is

located on the front of our Sunday bulletin. Religious Education classes begin on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### 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. See more details on the back flap of the bulletin.



Public Schools open on Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. We are



looking for adults who can come with us to stand outside of public schools in the area and hand out flyers about our Religious Education program to parents bringing their children to school that morning. We need to be on site by 8 a.m. and will be done by 8:45 a.m. Please see or call Cheryl Duda this week if you can help. Also we still have lawn signs available for advertising

our program for those who can put a sign on their property. Signs are available in the back of the Church.

A special thanks to all who made our Block Party a huge



A great time was had by all. success. Thanks to the committee who worked hard to make it all come together, to the volunteers who helped out, to the donors for their generous donations and to our parishioners and

neighborhood friends who came and had a good time.

Meals for a Soup Kitchen: Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>; we will be

providing a Soup Kitchen in the Bronx with a monthly contribution of baked ziti and desserts. Please bring your donation to the Rectory basement (food pantry door) after 8 a.m. on Thursday. If the



doors are not open, leave your donations by the food pantry door. If vou'd like to contribute, please call the Parish Office at 914-965-0566.

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.



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. Follow our Youth Group on To<sup>UP</sup> 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. Their next meeting is next Sunday, September 8th.

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

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.

**EUCHARISTIC 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.

The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers are holding their annual Mass at St. Ann's Church, 31 College Place, Yonkers, NY on September 22, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. followed by Communion Breakfast immediately after the Mass at the Fairways at Dunwoodie Golf Course, 1 Wasylenko Lane, Yonkers, NY. Cost is \$23, payable at the breakfast. All members and guests are welcome. Reservations are preferred. Please call 914 423-5331 for more information.

#### **ADOPTION**

Children in China need homes. More boys are available than girls. Older parents and single women welcome. For more information, please contact Barbara Salvesen at 845 623-5277.



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

#### August 25, 2019– Tithing

\$4,000.75 Envelopes Online \$ 550.00 Total \$4,550.75

"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 Ann Lackner, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Gail Chappory, Anna Bonacci, Deacon Bob Clemens, Mary De Santis, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Larry Vandak, Harold Sullivan, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Edison Blanco, Steven Sarich, Larry Mesler, John McKenna, Antony Gorge Ferreira, Jerry Esposito, Jeri Michele Sugrue, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Ann Pezzola, Edith Kelly, Carole Romanowski, Theresa Chappory, Susan Rivera, Kenneth Chappory, Carol Stola, Rosemarie Bartolomeo, Ann McShane and Frank Marra.

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



Please pray for the souls of

Please pray for all our young people returning to school. May God grant them success in their studies and a safe school year.





#### Saturday, August 31 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Joseph Mahoney +

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#### Sunday, September 1, 2019

#### **Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 AM Alberta Blasewitz +

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish 11:30 AM Lucille & Tony Sciacca (Living)

5:00 PM Henry J. Kielkucki +

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#### Monday, September 2

Weekday—Labor Day

9:00 AM John Di Rodio +

#### Tuesday, September 3

#### Saint Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM Joseph Pasqualoni, III + 9:00 AM Henry & Lucille Kurtz +

#### Wednesday, September 4

Weekday

7:00 AM Angelina Brusco + 9:00 AM Emily Lavelle +

#### Thursday, September 5

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Antonio Marchetti +

#### Friday, September 6

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention 9:00 AM Giovanni De Feo +

#### Saturday, September 7

Weekday

9:00 AM Nicholas & Mary Maccia +

#### Saturday, September 7 (Anticipated Mass)

#### Sunday, September 8, 2019

#### **Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 AM Deceased Mem. Of Holy Name and

Rosary Altar Societies

10:00 AM Anthony S. Guarente +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

5:00 PM Josephine A. Greco +

### WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC OR LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

#### NY ARCHDIOCESE CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL UPPER COUNTIES CONFERENCE 2019

The Archdiocese of New York Catholic Charismatic Renewal Service Team invites all parishioners to their Upper Counties Conference, Saturday, September 28, 2019, from 10:00AM to 5:00PM, at Capuchin Youth and Family Ministries (CYFM), 781 Route 9D, Garrison, NY. Doors open 9:00AM. Fee is \$25 per person (includes continental breakfast, buffet lunch, and conference) Theme is Salvation. Speakers are: Fr. Giuseppe Maria Siniscalchi, CFR, "Jesus' Victory"; Fr. William Cosgrove, "The Light Dispels the Darkness", and Fr. Christian Amah, Healing Service (Eucharistic Adoration and Laying of Hands). Please visit the following website for more details, and registration: CatholicCharismaticNY.org/ny-arch-upper-counties-conference

or call (845) 223-5653, no later than September 25, 2019.