

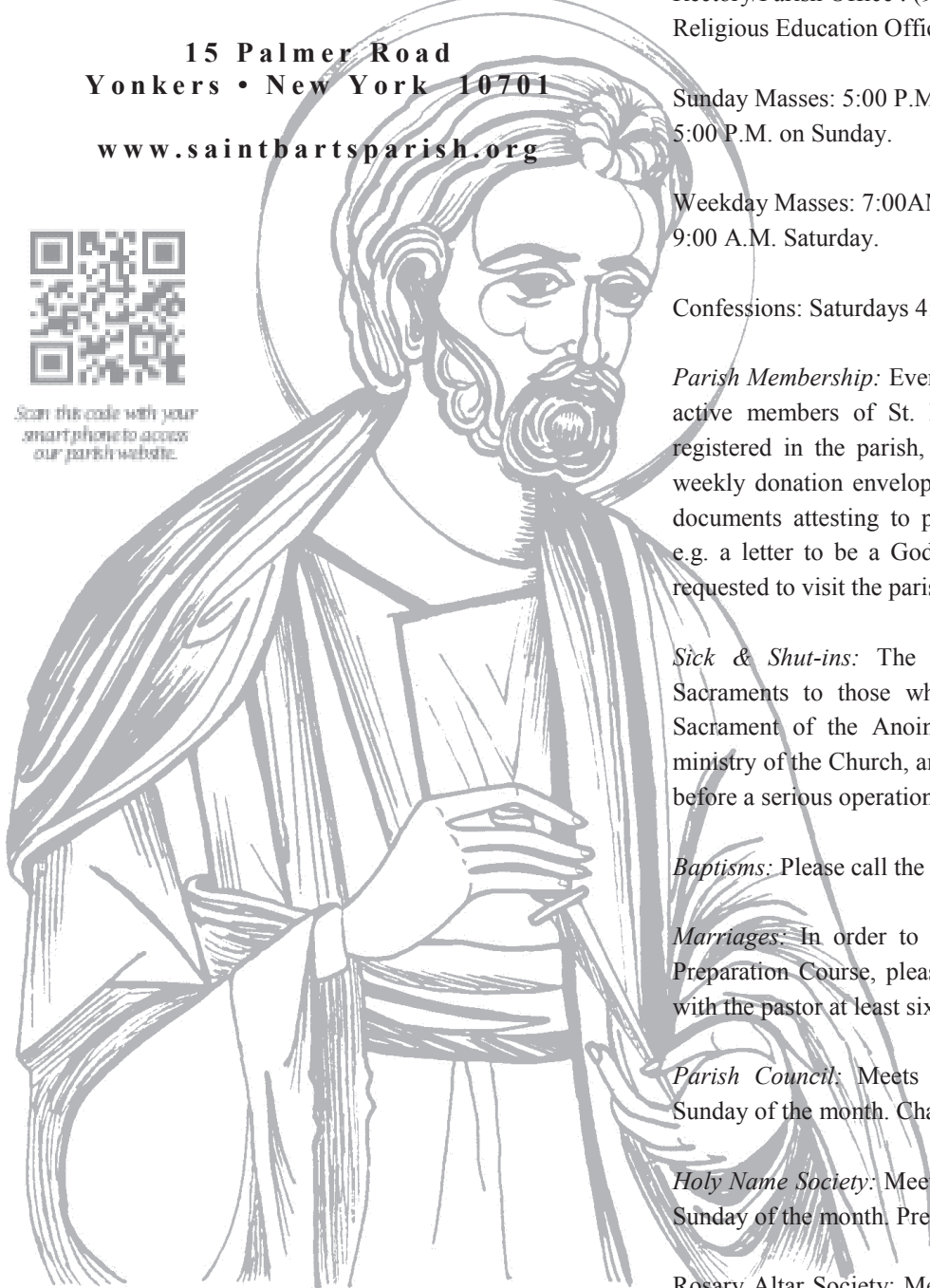
# St. Bartholomew's Church

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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. Daniel Oghenerukevwe, 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 and 5:00 P.M. on Sunday.

Weekday Masses: 7:00AM & 9:00AM 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, Dan Panik

**Rosary Altar Society:** Meets on the Monday evening after the first Sunday of the month. President, Joan Liddell

**Bereavement Ministry:** For information call (914) 965-0566, Tina Falcone

**Trustees:** Catherine Hickey, Aureo Pinto

**CHANCE TO CHANGE**

How often do you regret a choice you made? When was the last time this happened? Do any drastically negative choice you have made, still haunts you now? If so, and you were given a once in a lifetime golden opportunity to go back in time and change that choice, wouldn't you jump at the opportunity?

I remember an insurance advert in which someone was involved in an accident. The guy had very limited coverage with an inferior company. But then he zoomed back in time to where he had signed the insurance contract and instead of that particular company; he opted for a better, more reputable insurance company. Of course, he had to pay more to get a good package. Next, he returns to real time where the new insurance company was only too glad to wipe away his financial tears.

Would that life worked that way! Would that life after death works that way also! But poor us, it doesn't. The readings of today remind us that our choices have consequences.

In the first reading (Amos 6:1-7), the Prophet Amos addressed the Israelites who had gotten comfortable and indifferent to the plight of the poor and afflicted, rather than being grateful to God and sharing their blessings with the former. He warned them of the risk of losing the Promised Land if they continued this attitude. Unfortunately, they didn't listen to him and finally they lost Jerusalem and went into exile.

In the Gospel (Lk 16:19-31), Jesus warns those present and us to beware that the fate that befell the Israelites in Amos' time does not befall us. He uses the parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus to drive home his warning.

These readings challenge us to count our blessings and to remember that whatever we do to the least of Jesus' brethren, we do unto Him (Mt 25:31-46). They remind us that when we sincerely become conscious of the plight of those around us, and worry about their physical, emotional, financial, spiritual plight, and reach out to them, out of the little we have or even in spite of our own needs, that we will not end up like the Israelites at the time of Amos or like the rich man in the gospel.

May the Lord continue to bless us, may we always count our blessings and aid the needy in our midst and those around the globe. Amen.

**St. Bart's Parish Pastoral Plan:**

I shared with us last Sunday my proposal for us to embark on a 3-5 Year Parish Pastoral Plan. I shared more details with the Pastoral Council when we met on Monday, Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>. The proposal was approved and a committee was set up to work out the details and present it at our next meeting. Again, we want this to be OUR pastoral plan; we want every voice to be heard and every idea to be considered.

**Making All Things New:**

I suspect that many of you know something about the Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan: *Making All Things New*. Our Parish Committee (Richard Califano, Catherine Hickey, Bill Mascetta, and I) attended a session organized by the Archdiocese on 9/24/13. The Archdiocesan plan is not very different than our Parish Plan. Its goals include the eventual consolidation of parishes, linking parishes or making it possible for parishes to collaborate more with each other.

We will not wait for the outcome and implementation of this Archdiocesan plan, but will move ahead with our own Parish Plan, geared towards growing our parish. We can kill the two birds with one

stone. This will help us to be even better positioned when the Archdiocese begins to consider the strengths and weakness of each parish.

You'll receive details on both of the above in the coming weeks. Blessings and Peace to you and your Family.!

~ Father Raphael Ezech, MSP

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**PARISH NEWS**

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**FEAST OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI**



*God, You enabled St. Francis to imitate Christ by his poverty and humility. Walking in St. Francis' footsteps, may we follow Your Son and be bound to You by a joyful love. Amen.*

This coming Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, well known for his great love of animals. That day at 6 p.m., we will have a blessing of

animals in our parking lot. Bring your favorite pets to be blessed.

**OUR MONTHLY FAMILY MASS** will be celebrated **next Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**. The Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. All children and their families are encouraged to attend. Mass will be followed by "Family Breakfast" at the McManus Parish Center. All are welcome.



The **Altar Flowers** for this week are donated for the living and deceased members of Andrew T. McCormack's family.

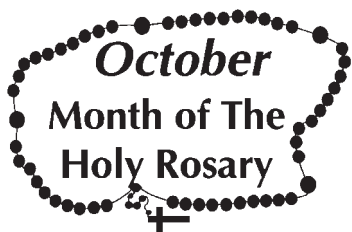
**SHARING COMMUNITY MEAL:** This Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will be providing our Sharing Community Meal. Please bring your ziti or dessert to the Rectory. Doors will open at 6:45 a.m. The Sharing Community truly appreciates our efforts. Please keep up the good work! For information, please call the Parish Office.



**HOLY HOUR:** This Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, is First Friday. We will have our monthly Holy Hour at 1 p.m. On Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, the Divine Mercy Holy Hour will begin at 3 p.m. All are invited to spare an hour and come to adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist.

*Anyone signed up for the December 5<sup>th</sup> Sight and Sound Christmas Show must make payment by this Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.*

## Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**  
**6 PM - 8 PM**



All Religious Education children and their parents are reminded to attend this event. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact Cheryl Duda (476-6676) for more information. This event will replace the normal classes for that day.

**MEMBERS NEEDED:** From 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade right through Senior Citizen, you have the opportunity to sing the Lord's praises by joining one of St. Bartholomew's Choirs - Children's Choir, Teen Choir, Folk Group, or Adult Choir. New members are always welcome; and no experience is necessary. Please see the Music Director, Erika, or call the Parish Office at 965-0566.



There is limited availability for the **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY'S** trip to the **Radio Music Hall Christmas Show** on **Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**. Package includes show, bus and dinner at Carmine's. Call Nancy (914 376-2025) for information and reservations.



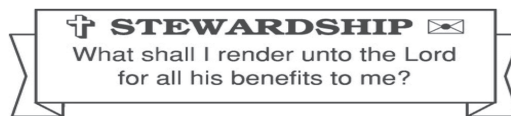
The members of the Rosary Altar Society will attend the 8:30 a.m. Mass next Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.

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. There will be a meeting next Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. All youths age 13 and up are invited.



**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.



### TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

#### September 23, 2012

Adults' Contribution	\$6141.10
Children's Contribution	\$161.85
<b>Last Year's Total</b>	<b>\$6302.95</b>

#### September 22, 2013

Adults' Contribution	\$5162.90
Children's Contribution	\$179.95
<b>This Year's Total</b>	<b>\$5342.85</b>

There will be a second collection at all the Masses next Sunday for the maintenance of our buildings and grounds. Please be as generous as possible.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ethel Thomas, Aldina Pereira, Rebecca Conroy, Andy DeFabritis, Maria Marte, Barbara Rup, Jule Yaskovic, Rosalie Heit, Florence B. Swetz, Clare Yaskovic, Neil Caruso, 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, Donna Vasconez, Nicole Pisani-Frame, Louis Petruolo, Cynthia Swiatkiewicz, Jimmy Maimone, Robert Mirsky, Roseanne Mercandetti, Louis Brusco, Josephine Daniele, Jennifer Dorsey, Valerie Riccardi, Fatima Panik, Marian Fletcher, Anna Bonacci, Minerva Hernandez, Paula Parente, Bridget O'Malley, Anna Brucculeri, Peggy Clevenberg, Gerald Mazzerese, Jr., Patricia Keane, Louis Milone, Joey Bastardi, Carol Stola, Amada Ortiz, Karen Aprea, Stephen Sarich, Neil Cawley, Barbara McCormack, Josephine Lehotyak, Lawrence Girsch, Fran Romano, and Pasquale Cercone.

#### 2014 MASS BOOK IS OPEN

The Mass Book for 2014 opened on Ash Wednesday and there are still 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. You may have a thanksgiving Mass offered for your loved ones or for yourself on such occasions as birthdays, wedding anniversaries, etc. Also, you may consider offering the altar flowers, altar bread and wine, altar candles, or sanctuary lamp for your intention. Come to the Rectory Office, **Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.** to make arrangements or to inquire about the availability of a particular date.

#### REMEMBER YOUR BELOVED PARISH

Remember, "We make a living by what we earn. We make a life by what we share." Please remember our Parish in your Will as a lasting and loving gift to your parish family. Thank you!

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Erma Recine.



September 29, 2013

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Mass  for the  
Intentions Week

**Twenty– Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, September 28 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Deceased Members of Pragana Family

**Sunday, September 29**

8:30 AM Mildred & Michael Pollick +

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM Maria & Carmelo Terrusa & Family +

5:00 PM Acacio Paiva +

**Monday, September 30**

**Saint Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Father Anthony's Intentions

**Tuesday, October 1**

**Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Gene DelBene +

**Wednesday, October 2**

**Holy Gardian Angels**

7:00 AM Jose Eliseo DelaRosa +

9:00 AM Aristide Scipioni +

**Thursday, October 3**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Rocco Campana +

**Friday, October 4**

**Saint Francis of Assisi**

7:00 AM Katherine Hoelscher +

9:00 AM Antonio Marchetti +

**Saturday, October 5**

**Weekday**

9:00 AM Gilda Spear (living)

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**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, October 5 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Deceased Members of Raguso & Orsini Families

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**Sunday, October 6**

8:30 AM Elizabeth & Carl Laredo +

10:00 AM David Jacob +

11:30 AM Luciano Labruzzo +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

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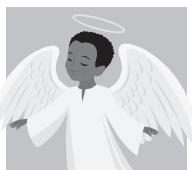
## GUARDIAN ANGELS OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup>



Perhaps no aspect of Catholic piety is as comforting to parents as the belief that an angel protects their little ones from dangers real and imagined. Yet guardian angels are not just for children. Their role is to represent individuals before God, to watch over them always, to aid their prayer and to

present their souls to God at death.

The concept of an angel assigned to guide and nurture each human being is a development of Catholic doctrine and piety based on Scripture but not directly drawn from it. Jesus' words in Matthew 18:10 best support the belief: "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of My heavenly Father."



Devotion to the angels began to develop with the birth of the monastic tradition. Saint Benedict gave it impetus and Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, the great twelfth-century reformer, was such an eloquent spokesman for the guardian angels that angelic devotion assumed its current form in his day.

A feast in honor of the guardian angels was first observed in the sixteenth century. In 1615, Pope Paul V added it to the Roman calendar.

**COMMENT:** The concept of an unseen companion has given rise to many childish titters about leaving room for an angel in a crowded seat and teacher-induced terrors about the danger of sudden death for a child who fails to honor the angel with prayer. But devotion to the angel is, at base, an expression of faith in God's enduring

love and providential care extended to each person day-in and day-out until life's end.

**QUOTE:** "May the angels lead you into paradise; may the martyrs come to welcome you and take you to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem" (Rite for Christian Burial).

From *Saint of the Day*, edited by Leonard Foley, O.F.M., & Pat McCloskey, O.F.M.



### BIBLICAL BUMPER STICKERS

Jonah:	<i>Save the Whales</i>
Elijah:	<i>My Other Chariot Rolls</i>
Goliath:	<i>Support the Ban on Slingshots</i>
The Israelites:	<i>Honk If You Love Moses</i>
Methuselah:	<i>Be Kind to Senior Citizens</i>