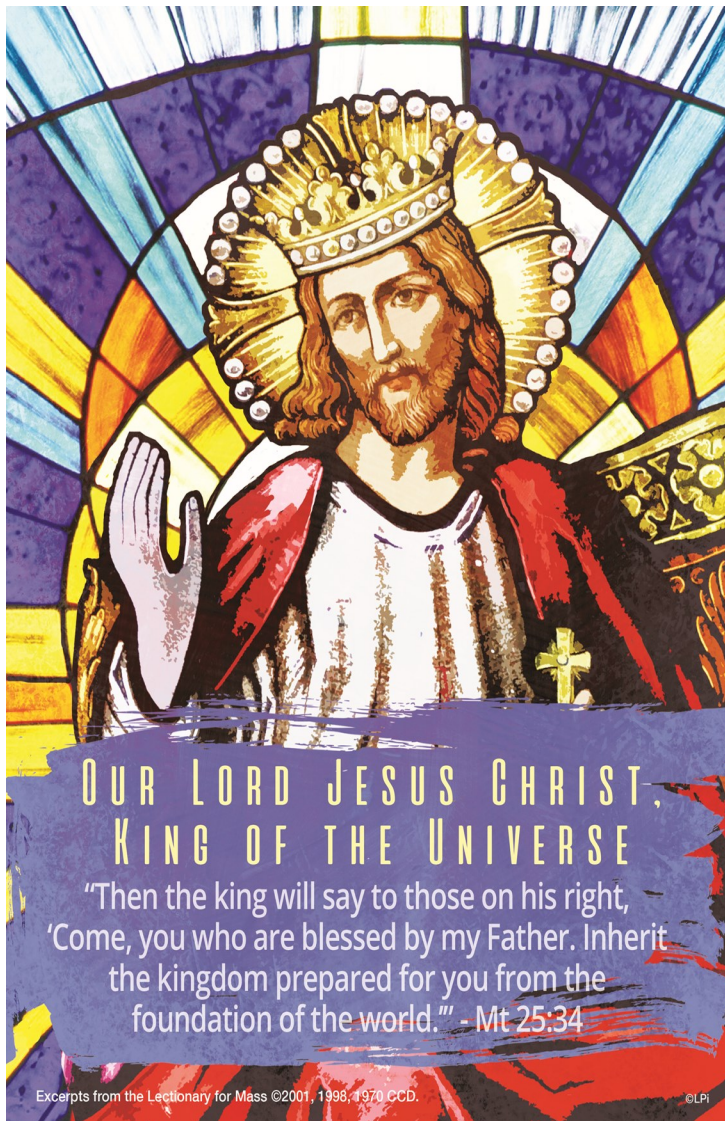


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and 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 Ezech, 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: Sam Farraj, Anna Legio

CHRIST THE KING



At His Passion, Jesus was judged by the religious establishment for blasphemy and by the secular authorities for sedition. Today, Jesus teaches what the real judgment will be about – simple, straightforward observations about practical charity: feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, caring for the sick, and visiting the imprisoned. In fact, at this judgment there isn't even a "sentencing." The King will simply assign us then the place we've already chosen by our decision to perform or to neglect such charity. The only surprise is that care extended or refused to "these least brothers (and sisters) of mine" turns out to have been care extended or refused to the King himself (Matthew 25:40).

Note too how our present attitude will impact our eternal beatitude. In Jesus' story, the unjust imply that they would have helped, if only they had known who that needy person really was! The just, however, did good for goodness' sake alone, serving others from the heart, instinctively, spontaneously, like Jesus, with no self-serving ulterior motive, no thought of any reward.

But thankfully, even on Judgment Day, there will be more than reward and punishment. Ezekiel proclaims that the King who comes to judge is still our Good Shepherd – to the very end, intent on "rescuing the scattered, seeking out the lost, bringing back the strays, binding up the injured, healing the sick" (cf. 34:12, 16). Today's story of the Last Judgment, then, is less a frightening vision of the future and more a practical program for the present.

Question for the week

Having myself been found by divine mercy, what will I do during Advent to seek those in need? Are they already right here in front of me?
(Pastoral Patterns, Autumn 2017).

In The Spirit of Thanksgiving

*Count your blessings name them one by one,
Count your blessings see what God has done, Count your blessings,
Name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what God has done,*

Our High School Youth Group had their Thanksgiving Dinner Saturday of last week. We went around the table mentioning what we wanted to thank God for. In the spirit of Thanksgiving, I want to thank each and everyone of you for being a member of our beloved parish. I want to doubly thank those of you serving in various ministries and everyone who supports our mission financially, all year round. I know we don't thank you enough, but your reward is accumulating in heaven as Jesus told us in today's Gospel. I want to specially thank those who donated to the Renew and Rebuild Campaign so far. And finally, I want to thank Our Blessed Mother, the Undoer of Knots for interceding for us before her Son, Our Savior and King, Jesus Christ.

**GIVE THANKS
TO THE LORD
FOR HE IS GOOD**
His LOVE endures FOREVER!!!

May the Lord continue to bless us all as a parish family and bless each of you and your families. Amen.

I hope your Thanksgiving was filled with gratitude and joy in the Lord!
Blessings on you and your loved ones.

Fr. Raphael Ezeh,

MSP

PARISH NEWS



The **ALTAR FLOWERS, ALTAR BREAD & WINE, ALTAR CANDLES, and SANCTUARY LAMP** have been donated in loving memory of Frank G. Nanoia by Louis and Angela Brusco.



Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially Eileen Fitzpatrick.

HOLY HOUR: This Friday, December 1st, is First Friday. We will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. with our regular monthly Holy Hour at 1 p.m. On Saturday, December 2nd, 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.



First Communion and Confirmation classes:

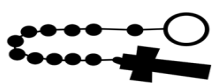
Children in public school who have entered First Grade through High School in September are eligible for these classes. Evening classes are available to accommodate the children of working parents. Besides grade level classes, instruction prepares children for Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation. Please call Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676 for more information.



Religious Education

BE "INFORMED" FOR NOVEMBER

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. Today is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Study: Symbolon: Knowing the Faith, Sessions2: *Divine Revelation, 4, The Story of Salvation* or *5, Who is Jesus?* Watch *Cosmic Origins* or *Keys of the Kingdom* or listen to: *Jesus Is...., Who do You Say That I Am?, I'm Not Being Fed, Jesus, The Bridegroom, or Theology for Beginners.* Call Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676 if you have any questions.



ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY: The ladies of the Rosary Altar Society will attend the 8:30 a.m. Mass next Sunday, December 3rd.

The women of the Parish are invited to join the members of the Rosary Altar Society on Monday, December 4th for Mass at 5:30 p.m. at St. Bartholomew's Church and their annual Christmas dinner at Fogarty's (at 6:30 p.m.) on Kraft Avenue in Bronxville, NY. The cost is \$25 per person. Reservations are required by this Wednesday, November 29th. Please call Josephine at 914 476-5386 or Liz at 914 403-8844. Payment marked RAS dinner can be dropped in the collection basket or brought to the Parish Office.



PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS



FAMILY FAITH FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND Noon to 2 p.m.

FAMILY BREAKFAST:

Next Sunday, December 3rd is Family Mass at 10 am. All children and their families are encouraged to attend.

In addition there will be breakfast with Santa after all morning Masses (8:30, 10:00 and 11:30)

Join us after the three morning Masses for some breakfast and social time with your fellow parishioners.



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Boy Scouts of Troop 5 will be selling fully decorated Christmas wreaths for only \$14 each, beginning on Saturday, December 2nd after the 5 p.m. Mass and on Sunday, December 3rd after the morning and evening Masses. If paying by check, please make check out to Boy Scout Troop 5.



A special thank you to Stew Leonard's, for their donation of turkeys

to St. Bartholomew's for our annual Thanksgiving baskets given to some of our less fortunate brothers and sisters. Thank you also to the Religious Education Group, the Holy Name Society and to all who donated to our food pantry now and throughout the year. Many blessings to you all.



Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass, in the school building. **Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @St_Barts-Youth.**

ANDREW, APOSTLE, NOVEMBER 30TH, FEAST

Andrew was Saint Peter's brother and was called with him. "As [Jesus] was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is now called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, 'Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.' At once, they left their nets and followed Him" (Matthew 4:18-20).

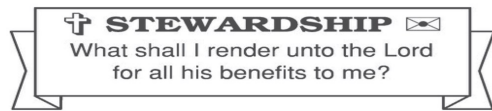


John the Evangelist presents Andrew as a disciple of John the Baptist. When Jesus walked by one day, John said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." Andrew and another disciple followed Jesus. "Jesus turned and saw them following Him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and you will see.' So they went and saw where He was staying and they stayed with Him that day" (John 1:38-39a).

Little else is said about Andrew in the Gospels. Before the multiplication of the loaves, it was Andrew who spoke up about the boy who had the barley loaves and fishes (see John 6:8-9).

When the Gentiles went to see Jesus, they came to Philip, but Philip then had recourse to Andrew (see John 12:20-22).

Legend has it that Andrew preached the Good News in what is now modern Greece and Turkey and was crucified at Patras. **From Saint of the Day**



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING
Sunday Collection Update

Amount Needed Weekly	\$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$5,822.70
Balance	- \$1,177.30

*(Envelopes \$5,822.70. Online (unavailable this week, due to transition of Parish Pay to WeShare (LPI). Will be reported at end of month)).

Amount Needed for Month of November	\$28,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$17,354.90

*****Please note that the online giving program Parish Pay.com is in the process of migrating to LPI's WeShare Service. The transition started on October 9th. Contact the Parish Office for more information.*****

"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 Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Richard Meyers, Rosalie Heit, Andrea Objay, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Michael Tomanelli, Ariella Castillo, Gail Chappory, Randolph Castillo, Jr., Deacon Jim Byrne, Gregory Clemens, Mary Bryce, Anna Bonacci, Efrain Arzola, Henry Joseph, Deacon Bob Clemens, Carolyn Cesta, William Bodack, Joseph Mahoney, Mary De Santis, Leticia Agosto, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Gina Obalde, Rosalia Guzman, Ann McGarry, Daniel Pezzola, Brittany Arzola, Ron and Sally Petro, Anthony Guarente, Theresa Venturino, Nicholas Arzola, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, and Cynthia Mascetta King.

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

Our Parish Giving Tree

In keeping with the true spirit of Christmas, we have the opportunity to share our resources with several charities who serve the disadvantaged, both adults and children (Immaculate Conception's Needy Families, Richmond Hill, Westchester Living Center, and the Central Committee of Veterans Org.) Please take an ornament(s) from the tree in the back of the church. It is important that this ornament, indicating gender and gift specific information, be securely attached to your wrapped package. Please return all wrapped packages to the church, no later than Monday, December 18th. Thank you for your continued support in this very special season of giving.



November 26, 2017

Mass  *for the*
Intentions *Week*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Saturday, November 25 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Albert Pragana+

Sunday, November 26, 2017

8:30 AM Adolf Steffens +

10:00 AM Frank G. Nanoia +

11:30 AM Lena & Patrick Castaldo +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, November 27

Weekday

7:00 AM Mary McKiernan +

9:00 AM Robert L. & Lillian Kurtz+

Tuesday, November 28

Weekday

7:00 AM Ronald Warner +

9:00 AM Florence Mc Cormack +

Wednesday, November 29

Weekday

7:00 AM Pasquale & Roberto Capuano +

9:00 AM Maria Nguyen +

Thursday, November 30

Saint Andrew, Apostle

7:00 AM Grace Guiliani +

9:00 AM Enzo Di Rienzi +

First Friday, December 1

Weekday—First Friday

7:00 AM Dina Legio +

9:00 AM Margaret T. Maccia +

First Saturday, December 2

Weekday

9:00 AM Edythe Lutomski +

First Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 2 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Deacon Robert Clemens (Living)

Sunday, December 3, 2017

8:30 AM Oscar Starckenberg +

10:00 AM Joseph Prior +

11:30 AM Edward Madaffari+

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

November 26, 2017

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.

LOCAL EVENTS

The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers will hold its Christmas Luncheon on Friday, December 1, 2017 at 1 p.m. at Gianna's Restaurant, 1034 North Broadway, Yonkers, NY 10701. (Executive Park corner of Odell Terrace and North Broadway) Cost is \$25 payable at the luncheon. New and former members and guests are welcome. For more information call 914-423-5331.