

St. Bartholomew's Church



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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, 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

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.

THE GRACE & BEAUTY OF ENDURANCE!!!

“The one who endures for ever will be saved” (Matthew 24:13).



Endurance! *That ability to exert oneself and stay active for a long period of time; the ability to resist, withstand, recover from, and have immunity to trauma, wounds, and fatigue.* I took this beautiful definition from Wikipedia.

Endurance! What a beautiful word, with a rich and beautiful meaning. And a very common word, too. I realized that we could gain a whole lot by just reflecting on it, praying about it and for it more often. We should allow our wearied heart, spirit, soul and body to savor its strength, to seep into, and soak our inmost being and help revive and transform our lives.

Endurance! I took time off to think about it and hope to do so more often. I invite you to try it. Every human being and living organism longs to possess it, in abundance, too. Successful people (in any field at all) possess endurance, at least more than the rest of the population.

Endurance! Spiritually, it is even more beautiful and valuable and noble. As one of the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit (Fortitude), it is God's way of seeing us through the trials of this life. Through the gift of Fortitude the soul is strengthened against natural fear and empowered to overcome obstacles.

Endurance! We all need it. We know people who need it more than us. We know people who showed us what true endurance means. Stories of courage and endurance out of the Philippines have been circulating around the world. Stories of Saints who braved it all around in our Christian history.

Whether we face natural or man-made disasters, external conflicts arising from our human differences, inner conflicts and turmoil sneaked into us by the Evil One, illness, the burden (or beauty) of old age, the fear of death and what happens to us after death, may the Holy Spirit fill us with abundant grace of Fortitude and Endurance. Like the successful business people and athletes, may our endurance win us success here and now, but also the ultimate victory of seeing God at the end of life in this valley of tears.

“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.” Galatians 6:9.

Blessings on you and your loved ones. Amen.

~ Father Raphael Ezech, MSP

No pain that we suffer, no trial that we experience is wasted. It ministers to our education, to the development of such qualities as patience, faith, fortitude and humility. All that we suffer and all that we endure, especially when we endure it patiently, builds up our characters, purifies our hearts, expands our souls, and makes us more tender and charitable, more worthy to be called the children of God.

~ Orson F. Whitney

PARISH NEWS



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) meeting will take place this Monday, November 18th, at 7 p.m. in the school. All members are encouraged to attend.

Our **SOCIAL MINISTRY** is having a special **Thanksgiving Food Drive through next weekend**. Please bring to church Thanksgiving appropriate, non-perishable fixings, especially canned sweet potatoes, canned vegetables or fruit, boxed mashed potatoes, coffee, tea, juices, etc.



We will be in need of **some frozen turkeys, fresh / frozen pies, desserts or fruit on the Sunday and Monday (November 24th & 25th)** of Thanksgiving week. Due to a lack of refrigerator / freezer storage space, we can only accept pies or turkeys at the lower level of the Rectory **before each Mass that Sunday or Monday morning between 6:45 and 8 a.m.** for distribution on that same Monday morning. Thank you.

THANKSGIVING SHARING TABLE

It has been the custom at our Parish for those attending the 10 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Mass to bring something for our Sharing Table. Typically this would be along the lines of a pie, special bread, a favorite dessert, candy or flowers. At the end of Mass all items on the table are blessed and all are welcome to choose an item to add to their holiday table; thus sharing our meal with our Parish family. Please give some thought to what you might bring this year.



PARISH BIBLE SHARING / STUDIES: Bible Studies is held on the **2nd & 4th Friday of each month at 7 p.m.** in the school building. A meeting will be held this **Friday, November 22nd**. These sessions will be moderated by our Parochial Vicar, Father Daniel . Bring a friend! Come and have fun exploring the Bible.

ALTAR FLOWERS for this week have been donated in loving memory of Madeleine Savard by Louise Bolduc.



It's never too late! If you know of a school age child who has not prepared for First Communion or Confirmation, please contact our Religious Education Office on 914 476-6676. We have **Religious Education classes** for public school children in Pre-K through High School, including those with Special Education needs. **All Catholic children attending public schools should be enrolled in a Religious Education program.**

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Next Friday and Saturday, November 22nd and 23rd, will be the final weekend of St. Bartholomew's **Novena of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** to pray for all aspects of our parish and our parish families' lives. The Novena will be held on **Friday** from 9:30 a.m.—7:30 p.m. and **Saturday** from 9:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. and

again, from 6 p.m.—8 p.m. Sign up sheets are available in the back of the church or call Cheryl Duda on (914) 476-6676. Please lend your prayers to this effort to spiritually enrich our parish and parishioners.

INTERGENERATIONAL FAITH FESTIVAL

Make your reservations today for an Advent Faith Festival. The Festival will take place on Saturday, December 7th, from 12 noon to 2:30 p.m. Food, prayer, and an enjoyable learning activity are sure to delight all ages. Call 914 476-6676 for reservations. Space is limited - first come basis.



CONGRATULATIONS to our newest Altar Servers: Brian & Courtney Clare, Sebastian Orozco, and Julissa Pena. We thank them for their willingness to serve this community and thank their parents for their sacrifices in making their service possible.



The **CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** will meet this Wednesday, November 20th, 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.

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.



The **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. There will be a meeting this Sunday, November 17th. All youths age 13 and up are invited.



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

November 11, 2012

Adults' Contribution	\$6054.95
Children's Contribution	\$217.25
Last Year's Total	\$6272.20

November 10, 2013

Adults' Contribution	\$5288.50
Children's Contribution	\$167.00
This Year's Total	\$5455.50



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 Petrulo, Cynthia Swiatkowicz, 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, Carol Stola, Amada Ortiz, Karen Aprea, Stephen Sarich, Neil Cawley, Barbara McCormack, Josephine Lehotyak, Lawrence Girsch, Fran Romano, Pasquale Cercone, and Gail Villafana.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

November 12, 2013 - Year of Faith

Dear friends in the Lord,

Last weekend, we here in New York watched on Television, heard on radio, and remained attuned to other news announcements available through electronic devices accounts of the typhoon that struck the Philippines and Vietnam, leaving more than ten thousand dead, thousands upon thousands wounded, and just as many without food and shelter.

First and foremost, we pray for the afflicted and their loved ones, aware that many loved ones are also here in the Archdiocese of New York. May the Lord be with them in a special way at this time.

Also, as the Archdiocese has done in response to past international tragedies, we will take up a special collection this Sunday so as to add financial assistance to our prayers. Our contribution will be sent immediately, while the need is at its greatest. Please be as generous as you can.

With gratitude and prayerful best wishes, I am,
Faithfully in Christ,
Archbishop Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan

If you are unable to participate today, please consider dropping off a donation at the Parish Office this week. Thank you.

November 17, 2013

Mass Intentions for the Week

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, November 16 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Sunday, November 17

8:30 AM Madeleine Savard +

10:00 AM Charles & Stefana Barba +

11:30 AM Loretta & Michael Kennedy +

5:00 PM Frank & Carmela Legio +

Monday, November 18

Weekday

7:00 AM Jennie Salerno +

9:00 AM Alexander Mikos +

Tuesday, November 19

Weekday

7:00 AM Beatrice Brown +

9:00 AM Ermanno & Rachel Travaglini +

Wednesday, November 20

Weekday

7:00 AM Anthony Bonacci +

9:00 AM Joanne Moscarello +

Thursday, November 21

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM Deceased Members of Bolduc & Savard Families

9:00 AM Mona Zagtiti +

Friday, November 22

Saint Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Stephen Hickey +

Saturday, November 23

Weekday

9:00 AM Stanis Buoninfante +

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Saturday, November 23 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Albert Pragana +

Sunday, November 24

8:30 AM Antonio D'Addario +

10:00 AM Aureo Pinto, Sr. +

11:30 AM Rita & Edward Hoffmeister +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

November 17, 2013

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY
SUNDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES**



Come join with fellow parishioners on Sunday, November 24th, at 7 p.m. to view the award winning independent film, *The Human Experience*. By spotlighting heartwarming stories from around the world, this uplifting documentary shows viewers that every person, no matter his or her lot in life, is beautiful. Please call 914 476-6676 by Wednesday, November 20th, to reserve your seat!

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**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH
1:30 – 7:30 PM
MCMANUS PARISH CENTER**



St. Bart's will be conducting its 76th Blood Drive in the 32 years since starting in 1981. St. Bart's parishioners and friends have made 5632 donations to date. We are traditionally asked to run drives during holiday periods when the need for blood is great and the donations are usually down. Your support is just one of many things that make St. Bart's special. If you can donate, please call Tony Sciacca on 914 423-3592 for an appointment and tell your family and friends, too.

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**ADVENT MORNING REFLECTION
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH**



All parishioners are invited to attend a morning reflection, *Being a Crib of Patient Waiting*, with Father Michael Connolly, OFM Cap. To prepare us for a fruitful Advent. We will begin with Mass at 9 a.m., followed by a light breakfast in the McManus Parish Center. Father Mike will then lead us in a reflection that will conclude by 12 noon. **A "free will offering" will be taken to defray that morning's expenses.** Please call 914 476-6676 to make a **reservation** to allow for breakfast planning **by Monday, November 25th**.

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CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Next week's collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) needs your help. CCHD was founded to end the cycle of poverty throughout America by funding organizations that help individuals help themselves. With a tradition of improving education, housing, and community economic development, CCHD continues to make a positive impact in communities nationwide. Defend human dignity. Take poverty off the map. Please give to the CCHD Collection next weekend.