

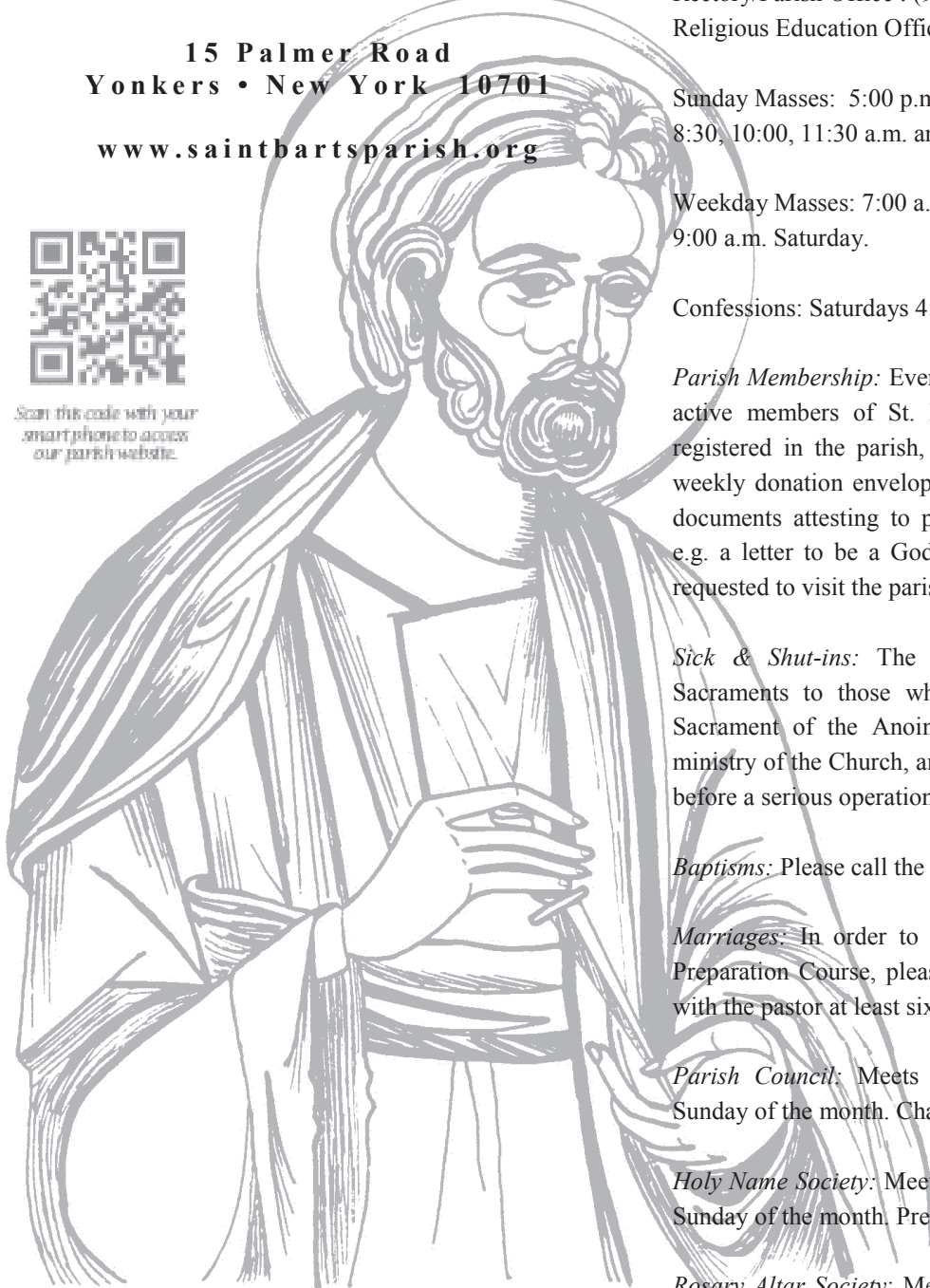
# St. Bartholomew's Church

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our parish website.



**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 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

## Give Up or Hang Tough?



When I travel to Nigeria, I mostly fly into and out of Lagos and spend the last two days or so with a family there. I did so on my recent trip. On the morning of my last day (the flight was in the night), as I was repacking my things and getting ready to go out on some last minute errands, their last born, a ten year old boy, came into the room. As we conversed, he casually mentioned that their neighbor's son who had just returned from the USA

came home with a Nintendo. Minutes later, he informed me that the Nintendo was a 3D. His eyes were glowing as he spoke. I knew what was coming and it didn't take long: He wanted a Nintendo, any Nintendo, but a 3D would be an unbelievable dream come true. His eyes glowed even more. Fast forward to 30 minutes later and he was still at it. One hour later and he was still at it without any signs of slowing down. His elder sister, who probably was well aware of his desire, found a way to distract and get him out of the house. Well, he was back in less than a half hour, with the neighbor, who proudly displayed his 3D Nintendo to both of us. My friend's kid reminded me that it came from USA. To my surprise, he never really asked me directly to get one for him. He just kept repeating his dream, knowing that I live in the USA. Next, he told me that he wouldn't mind a used one. I was glad when I finally left the house to finish up some business.

When I returned so did the child, this time, he was singing about how much he needed a Nintendo - a 3D Nintendo, or just any Nintendo. It was actually so amusing that I joined him in making up a song about how much he needed a Nintendo. I think he stopped only when his parents came home from work and sent him on an errand.

Jesus asks us to never give up when we ask God for something. The more important it is to us, the more we should persist. Our prayers never go unanswered. Unlike me who couldn't afford a Nintendo for the boy, God is able to provide all our needs. Like me who knows that the boy had other more urgent needs than Nintendo, God knows and understands the hierarchy of needs his children yearn for. The kid hung tough in making his desire known. I'm sure he's still telling anyone that cares to listen. We should hang tough too and not despair or give up. If his parents were rich enough to buy him a 3D Nintendo, I'm sure they'd buy it for him. "If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him?" (Matthew 7:11). St. Paul encourages us to pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

### Parish Tidbits

I'll be going for this year's Archdiocesan Pastor's Convention from Oct 21-25 at Spring Lake, New Jersey. Orientation for new pastors in the Archdiocese will be part of the events at the convention. Fr. Daniel will take care of the daily Masses and other things that need our attention.

We rejoice with the fifteen candidates who will be received into the Confirmation Program this Sunday at the 11:30 a.m. Mass. May God continue to bring them closer to himself as they make this journey of faith. Amen.

I attended my first Rosary Altar Society and Holy Name Society meetings and briefed them on what's going on in the parish and other things. I found the meetings enjoyable and appreciated the relaxed and communal atmosphere there. We need eligible men and women in the parish to consider or reconsider being part of the groups. We'll be discussing more of this as time goes on.

**Blessings and Peace on you and your loved ones. Amen.**

~ Father Raphael Ezech, MSP


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## PARISH NEWS

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Registration for **Religious Education Classes** for public school children is open. Classes are available for 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.** Please call (476-6676) for more information.



 **ALTAR FLOWERS** for this week have been donated in loving memory of Gloria Brusco Flannagan by Lou & Angela Brusco.

The **ALTAR BREAD & WINE, ALTAR CANDLES** and **SANCTUARY LAMP** for the week have been donated in loving memory of Gloria Brusco Flannagan by Lou & Angela Brusco.



 **PARISH BIBLE SHARING / STUDIES** Bible Studies is held on the **2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month at 7 p.m.** in the school building. The next meeting will be this Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Our Parochial Vicar, Father Daniel Oghenerukevwe, MSP, is the moderator. Bring a friend! Come and have fun exploring the Bible.

**Beloved: remain faithful to what you have learned and believed.** Let **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** help you "keep the faith" in your marriage. For more information or upcoming dates go to: [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) or call toll free: 877 697-9963, ext. 3. The mission of **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** is to proclaim the value of Marriage and Holy Orders in the Church and in the world.

## Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### MAKING ALL THINGS NEW

The goals of the *Making All Things New* process promoted by Cardinal Dolan include:

1. To enhance the vibrancy of parish life throughout the Archdiocese of New York.
2. To strengthen the presence and ministry of the Church in the urban, suburban and rural areas of the archdiocese.
3. To foster an appreciation for the participation in Sunday Eucharist.
4. To promote new evangelization efforts throughout the archdiocese.
5. To realign parishes within the archdiocese considering the number of priests available to serve, financial resources and changing demographics.
6. To ensure that all parishioners have opportunities for quality lifelong Christian education and formation.
7. To strengthen service to those who are most in need.
8. To promote vocations to the priesthood, religious life, the diaconate and lay ministry.
9. To support new initiatives for youth, young adults and seniors.
10. To build a greater sense of unity among Catholics from all cultures within the local Church.
11. To increase collaboration among all entities in the local, national and universal Church.

As our Core Team begins to organize itself, it will be keeping these goals in mind and alerting you to how well we are doing in meeting the goals.



#### NOVENA MASSES FOR ALL SOULS:

Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, is All Souls day. We will have a 9-day novena of Masses for all our departed loved ones. If you would like your loved ones to be remembered at these Masses, kindly fill out the "All Souls" envelope found in your envelope packet or on the tables at the rear of the Church, include your stipend, and drop it in the Collection basket or bring it to the Rectory during the week.

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 this Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. All youths age 13 and up are invited.



**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

#### October 14, 2012

Adults' Contribution	\$5725.37
Children's Contribution	\$205.00
<b>Last Year's Total</b>	<b>\$5930.37</b>

#### October 13, 2013

Adults' Contribution	\$4893.10
Children's Contribution	\$143.10
<b>This Year's Total</b>	<b>\$5036.20</b>

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

**HAVE YOU PRAYED YOUR ROSARY TODAY?** This month of October is the "Month of the Holy Rosary!" We are encouraged to say at least a decade of the Rosary in honor of our Blessed Mother, Mary, requesting her intercession for our needs and the needs of the whole world. If you need literature on how to pray the Rosary or you need a Rosary, please feel free to call our Religious Education Office for help at (914) 476-6676.

**CATHOLIC WIDOWS & WIDOWERS OF YONKERS** will hold their monthly meeting at **7:15 p.m.** on **Monday**, October 21<sup>st</sup>, in Father Anthony Hall, next to St. Ann's Big Church, 31 College Place, Yonkers. **New Members are welcome.** For more information, please call (914) 476-4436.

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:** Held after the 9 a.m. Mass on Mondays.

October 20, 2013

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Mass  for the  
Intentions Week

**Twenty– Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, October 19 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Deceased Members of Laudadio Family

**Sunday, October 20**

8:30 AM Giulia Marchionno +

10:00 AM Gloria Brusco Flannagan +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

5:00 PM Angelica Perez +

**Monday, October 21**

Weekday

7:00 AM Edythe Lutomski +

9:00 AM Madelyn Samuels +

**Tuesday, October 22**

Weekday

7:00 AM Theresa Korotas +

9:00 AM Fiore Brusco +

**Wednesday, October 23**

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Gene DelBene +

**Thursday, October 24**

Weekday

7:00 AM Special Intention

9:00 AM John Nicolo +

**Friday, October 25**

Weekday

7:00 AM Antonio Calara +

9:00 AM Joanne Moscarello +

**Saturday, October 26**

Weekday

9:00 AM Patricia Roth +

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**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, October 26 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Grace Raguso +

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**Sunday, October 27**

8:30 AM Carl Laredo +

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM Deceased Members of Terrusa Family

5:00 PM Sandra DeCicco +



*October 20, 2013*

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**JOHN OF CAPISTRANO  
PRIEST (1386–1456)  
OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup>**

It has been said the Christian saints are the world's greatest optimists. Not blind to the existence and consequences of evil, they base their confidence on the power of Christ's redemption. The power of conversion through Christ extends not only to sinful people but also to calamitous events.

Imagine being born in the fourteenth century. One-third of the population and nearly forty percent of the clergy were wiped out by the bubonic plague. The Western Schism split the church with two or three claimants to the Holy See at one time. England and France were at war. The city-states of Italy were constantly in conflict. No wonder that gloom dominated the spirit of the culture and the times.

John Capistrano was born in 1386. His education was thorough. His talents and success were great. When he was twenty-six he was made governor of Perugia. Imprisoned after a battle against the Malatestas, he resolved to change his way of life completely. At the age of thirty he entered the Franciscan novitiate and was ordained a priest four years later.

His preaching attracted great throngs at a time of religious apathy and confusion. He and twelve Franciscan brethren were received in the countries of central Europe as angels of God. They were instrumental in reviving a dying faith and devotion.

The Franciscan Order itself was in turmoil over the interpretation and observance of the rule of St. Francis. Through John's tireless efforts and his expertise in law, the heretical Fraticelli were suppressed and the "Spirituals" were freed from the interference to their stricter observance.

He helped bring about a reunion with the Greek and Armenian Churches, unfortunately only a brief arrangement.

When the Turks captured Constantinople in 1453, he was commissioned to preach a crusade for the defense of Europe. Gaining little response in Bavaria and Austria, he decided to concentrate his efforts in Hungary. He led the army to Belgrade. Under the great General Janos Hunyadi, they gained an overwhelming victory, and the siege of Belgrade was lifted. Worn out by his superhuman efforts, Capistrano was an easy prey to the infection bred by the refusal of battle. He died October 23, 1456.

**COMMENT:** John Hofer, a biographer of John Capistrano, recalls a Brussels organization named after the saint. Seeking to solve life problems in a fully Christian spirit, its motto was: "Initiative, Organization, Activity." These three words characterized John's life. He was not one to sit around, ever. His deep Christian optimism drove him to battle problems at all levels with the confidence engendered by a deep faith in Christ.

**QUOTE:** On the saint's tomb in the Croatian town of Ilok, the governor had this message inscribed: "This tomb holds John, by birth of Capistrano, a man worthy of all praise, defender and promoter of the faith, guardian of the church, zealous protector of his Order, an ornament to all the world, lover of truth and religious justice, mirror of life, surest guide in doctrine; praised by countless tongues, he reigns blessed in heaven." That is a fitting epitaph for a real and successful optimist.

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