

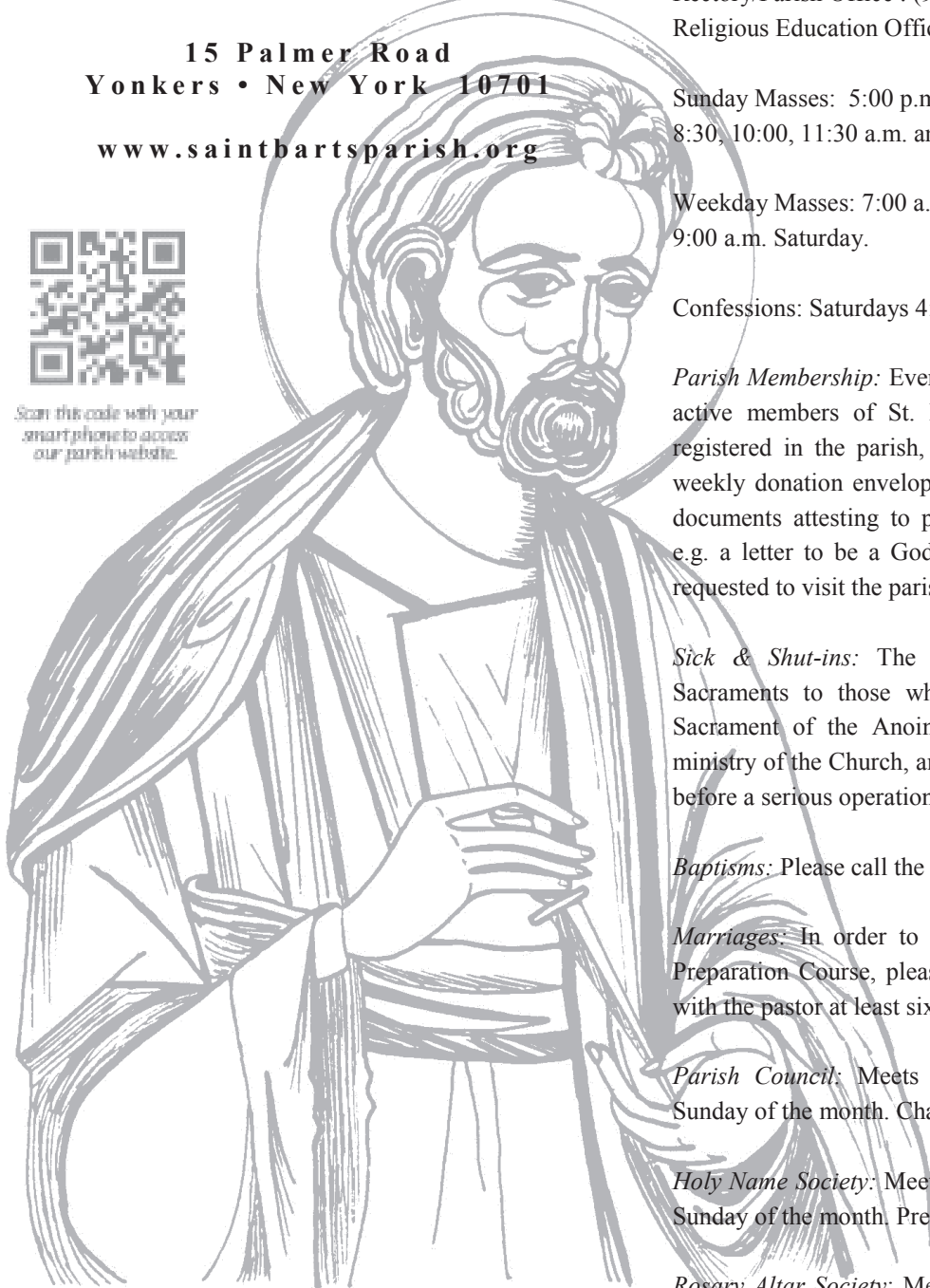
# St. Bartholomew's Church

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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

Dance of Prayer & Obedience

In the first reading this weekend, we hear the story of Naaman, the Aramean army commander who was seeking healing from leprosy (2 Kings 5:1-27). The gospel tells us the story of the ten lepers seeking healing from leprosy, too (Lk 17:11-19). Naaman approached Elisha with preconceived notion of how the healing was to be effected. In other words, he wanted healing on his own terms. Whoever said beggars had no choice! The ten lepers, on the other hand didn't seem to have any preference regarding any healing method(s) Jesus wanted to use. They just wanted to be healed.

As I reflected on these beautiful stories I was struck by how we are often like Naaman when it comes to what we want or pray Jesus to do for us. We want to remain in control like Naaman, though we may not even admit this. Of course there's the pride issue, too.

I thought of what we go through when we want a loan from the bank, especially if we have bad credit. Even when we go with our own preconceived conditions, ultimately we resign ourselves to whatever conditions the bank gives us.

How trustful and humbling it would be to approach God, praying and asking for a favor, and fully disposing ourselves to whatever conditions and terms he prefers to use in helping us. In other words, we pray above all, "May your holy will be done," and actually mean it, embrace it, and live it.

The good news is that even when we come before God with our negotiating powers, we often, like Naaman, end up following the will of God (God's instructions), even if grudgingly. May we be more like the ten lepers who came without preconceived conditions, without pride, and who were willing to do anything Jesus asked of them so as to be healed. Amen.

In Appreciation:

We thank the men of the Holy Name Society who labored with love for days to bring us this year's Oktoberfest. It was beautiful. I had fun. I love such events because they bring the parish family together and provide me with a longer and better opportunity to meet and greet as many parishioners as possible. Thanks and blessings on you all.

~ Father Raphael Ezech, MSP

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Making All Things New

Cardinal Dolan has asked us to be part of the current cycle of parish planning related to the Making All Things New. His expectation is that each parish will find neighboring parishes with whom to plan in order to:

- 1. Share more resources with each other and with parishes in need.
2. Avoid unneeded duplication of services.
3. Fill in the gaps where service and ministry have not been available.

The parishes we are considering working with are: Holy Trinity, St. Joseph's and St. Ann's.

PARISH NEWS



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

MEETING: This Monday, October 14th, the Holy Name Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center. All men of the Parish are invited to attend.

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.



This Monday, October 14th, is a holiday. There will be only one Mass on that day at 9 a.m. The Parish Office will be closed in observance of the holiday.

CHILDREN'S MASS: Please make it a point to bring your child to our Children's Mass the next two Sundays. The 10 a.m. Mass will focus on our children. The Parish Children's Choir will sing the Mass. The children are encouraged to sit with other children at a designated place during the Mass.



ALTAR FLOWERS for this week have been donated in loving memory of Frances Nanoia by Lou & Angela Brusco.

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



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



The CANCER SUPPORT GROUP will meet this Wednesday, October 16th, 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.

## Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### JOIN THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES TEAM! VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Catholic Charities Community Services provides a range of programs and services to assist the poor and vulnerable, non-Catholic and Catholics alike. Families who are confronted by a crisis often feel helpless, overwhelmed, and not aware of the resources available to them.

They are seeking volunteers who are compassionate, patient, and willing to assist people in need through varied outreach for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). There are many ways to share your time and talent with Catholic Charities, and in turn, help those in need in our community.

Training is provided, and volunteer hours can be flexible. To attend our volunteer orientation, please contact Rebecca Vargas at: [Rebecca.vargas@archny.org](mailto:Rebecca.vargas@archny.org) or (914) 476-2700 / (917) 809-0248.



Our **Pre-K and Kindergarten Religious Education** classes will begin this Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, at 4 p.m. It is not too late to register your child. Call the Religious Education Office on (914) 476-6676.

### *Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done wondrous deeds.*

Let God work wonders in your marriage on a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**. For more information or upcoming dates go to [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) 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.

**Our Lady of Fatima Church**, Michael Breen Hall, 5 Strathmore Road, Scarsdale, is holding its **Fall Tag Sale** on Saturday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> (10—6 p.m.) & Sunday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> (11—5 p.m.) - furniture, clothing, books, housewares, jewelry, baby items, etc.

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 20<sup>th</sup>. 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

#### October 7, 2012

Adults' Contribution	\$6926.95
Children's Contribution	\$162.42
<b>Last Year's Total</b>	<b>\$7089.37</b>

#### October 6, 2013

Adults' Contribution	\$5888.10
Children's Contribution	\$199.60
<b>This Year's Total</b>	<b>\$6087.70</b>

The second collection for the maintenance of our buildings and grounds totaled \$1401.90.

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

### 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.

*Next weekend, October 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, is World Mission Sunday. We will take up a 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection in support of this worthy cause. Please be as generous as your means allow.*

October 13, 2013

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Mass  for the  
Intentions Week

**Twenty– Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, October 12 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Frances Nanoia +

**Sunday, October 13**

8:30 AM Acacio Paiva +

10:00 AM Carol Swetz +

11:30 AM Frank & Carmela Legio +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

**Monday, October 14**

Weekday - Columbus Day

9:00 AM Carol Ann Swetz +

**Tuesday, October 15**

Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM Rita Bolduc +

9:00 AM William Mitchell +

**Wednesday, October 16**

Weekday

7:00 AM Pasqua Capuano +

9:00 AM Anne & Joseph Frischman +

**Thursday, October 17**

Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

7:00 AM Deceased Members of Bolduc & Savard Families

9:00 AM Albert Baumeister +

**Friday, October 18**

Saint Luke, Evangelist

7:00 AM Florencia D. Umali +

9:00 AM William & Eva Blasko +

**Saturday, October 19**

Saints John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests & Companions, Martyrs

9:00 AM Pete & Helen Pietrowski +

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**Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

5:00 PM Deceased Members of Laudadio Family

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**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 +

*October 13, 2013*

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**ISAAC JOGUES, JOHN DE  
BREBUEF & COMPANIONS  
OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>**

**Isaac Jogues (1607—1646)** and his companions were the first martyrs of the North American continent. As a young Jesuit, Isaac Jogues, a man of learning and culture, taught literature in France. He gave up that career to work among the Huron Native Americans in the New World, and in 1636 he and his companions, under the leadership of John de Brebeuf, arrived in Quebec. The Hurons were constantly warred upon by the Iroquois, and in a few years Father Jogues was captured by the Iroquois and imprisoned for thirteen months. His letters and journals tell how he and his companions were led from village to village, how they were beaten, tortured and forced to watch as their Huron converts were mangled and killed.

An unexpected chance for escape came to Isaac Jogues through the Dutch, and he returned to France, bearing the marks of his sufferings. Several fingers had been cut, chewed or burnt off. Pope Urban VIII gave him permission to offer Mass with his mutilated hands: "It would be shameful that a martyr of Christ be not allowed to drink the Blood of Christ." Welcomed home as a hero, Father Jogues might have sat back, thanked God for his safe return and died peacefully in his homeland. But his zeal led him back once more to the fulfillment of his dreams. In a few months he sailed for his missions among the Hurons.

In 1646 he and Jean de Lalande, who had offered his services to the missionaries, set out for Iroquois country in the belief that a recently signed peace treaty would be observed. They were captured by a Mohawk war party, and on October 18 Father Jogues was tomahawked and beheaded. Jean de Lalande was killed the next day at Ossernenon, a village near Albany, New York.

The first of the Jesuit missionaries to be martyred was Rene Goupil who with Lalande, had offered services as an oblate. He was tortured along with Isaac Jogues in 1642, and was tomahawked for having made the Sign of the Cross on the brow of some children.

**John De Brebeuf (1593-1649).** Jean de Brebeuf was a French Jesuit who came to Canada at the age of thirty-two and labored there for twenty-four years. He went back to France when the English captured Quebec (1629) and expelled the Jesuits, but returned to his missions four years later. Although medicine men blamed the Jesuits for a smallpox epidemic among the Hurons, Jean remained with them.

He composed catechisms and a dictionary in Huron, and saw seven thousand converted before his death. He was captured by the Iroquois and died after four hours of extreme torture at Sainte Marie, near Georgian Bay, Canada.

Father Anthony Daniel, working among Hurons who were gradually becoming Christian, was killed by Iroquois on July 4, 1648. His body was thrown into his chapel, which was set on fire.

Gabriel Lalemant had taken a fourth vow – to sacrifice his life to the Native Americans. He was horribly tortured to death along with Father Brebeuf.

Father Charles Garnier was shot to death as he baptized children and catechumens during an Iroquois attack.

Father Noel Chabanel was killed before he could answer his recall to France. He had found it exceedingly hard to adapt to mission life. He could not learn the language, the food and life of the Native Americans revolted him, plus he suffered spiritual dryness during his whole stay in Canada. Yet he made a vow to remain until death in his mission.

These eight Jesuit martyrs of North America were canonized in 1930.

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