

# St. Bartholomew's Church



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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.

**THEME: SAME MIND, SAME PURPOSE**



Divide and conquer! We have heard that so many times. It is a dirty strategy. We have seen and/or experienced it in action. Politicians use it pretty much any time they can; and it works, all the time. It worked – almost worked – in our second reading today, but for the timely intervention of St. Paul. Like the parable of the sower, St. Paul labored among the Corinthians and sowed the precious seed of faith. Following in his

footsteps Apollos and others strengthened their blossoming faith. That's when the eternal enemy struck and sowed weeds of discord, rivalry and disunity. Brothers and sisters that spoke with one mind and focused on one purpose suddenly began to differentiate between those that belonged to Paul or Apollos or Peter or Christ!

First, Paul praises them for their gifts and good works before tackling the monster of division head-on. As a solution, he points them back to the original message and focus: Christ Crucified.

From our churches to our homes, from our classrooms to our playgrounds, from the White House to our city halls, from Wall Street to our shopping plazas, the Lord has planned marvelous things for us. We want to achieve marvelous things. But our eternal enemy also yearns to achieve dreadful things. So, the devil plants that seed of rivalry and division among us. Worse yet, is that he plants it, like a bomb, in a place that it will do the most harm: our families. Thus, we have those famous two words: sibling rivalry! It starts that early!

Constantly being aware of the devil's plot helps us to keep it in sight. It helps us to combat it consciously and with determination. It helps us to pray about it and ask the Lord to help us overcome the devil's antics. It helps us to then engage in activities and thoughts that will help to dismantle whatever builds walls and separates us who are supposed to be one family in the Lord.

Like St. Paul, may we always have the courage to tackle division and rivalry wherever and whenever it raises its ugly head. May we do so with compassion, and with patience. Amen.

**WELCOME**

We welcome Very Rev. Fr. Felix Ilesami Osasona, MSP, the Vice Regional Superior of the MSPs, US Region. He'll celebrate our 5 p.m. Vigil Mass and officially welcome our new AMSP members. May the Lord continue to build and strengthen the relationship between St. Bart's and the MSPs. Amen.

**IN THANKS AND PRAISE**

**Breakdown:** To John McKenna, Mike Schettino, the members of Holy Name Society, and Dominga Fermin for helping to dismantle, pack or remove our Christmas decorations and trees. Thanks to Fr. Daniel too for helping with the decorations over at the rectory.

**Chasubles:** To Bill Mascetta who donated a white chasuble. To Janet who brought us a white chasuble donated by Allan Trancynger's friends in Allan's memory.

**PARISH TIDBITS**

**St. Bart's First Annual Passion Play:** Once again, we are excited about this possibility and want many parishioners, even up to 50 to be part of it. Sign up to be part of the caste or to work behind the scene. You will help bring the Holy Week message to life for your brothers and sisters.

**Parish Pastoral Plan:** The survey results will be published soon. Bad weather delayed our progress, as we had to cancel our meeting this past week. Hopefully, the Plan will be completed by the end of February and we can begin implementations by March or April.

Have a Wonderfully, Blessed Week.

~ Father Raphael Ezeh, MSP

**PARISH NEWS**



**HOLY HOUR:** This Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, the Divine Mercy Holy Hour will begin at 3 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this wonderful devotion.

The members of the Rosary Altar Society will attend the 8:30 a.m. Mass next Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.



The **ALTAR BREAD & WINE** and **ALTAR CANDLES** for this week have been donated in loving memory of Richard Compasso by Josephine Smith.

**OUR FAMILY MASS:** Next Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will celebrate our Family Mass 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.



Next Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, is Scout Sunday. Cub Scout Pack 338 of St. Bartholomew's Parish will attend the 10 a.m. Mass. As a way to show their appreciation to our Parish for the use of our McManus Parish Center and our support, the scouts are providing Family Breakfast in the McManus Parish Center following the Mass.

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



### FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS: AN INTERFAITH RESPONSE January 26<sup>th</sup> – February 2<sup>nd</sup>

Catholic Charities is once again running its *Feeding Our Neighbors Campaign* to restock the food pantries and soup kitchens of the Archdiocese of New York. Our parish along with the other parishes and Catholic schools in the New York Archdiocese will be joined this year by the United Jewish Appeal Federation (UJA); we are asked to make a special effort to feed our hungry neighbors.

Please drop off some non-perishable food in the large white box at the back of the church between now and next Sunday. Our donations will support our Food Pantry, as well as other food pantries; and once again our Social Ministry Committee will organize, tally, and report our donations to Catholic Charities. Thank you for doing your part to make this Campaign a success!



**BIBLE STUDIES** is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the school building. The next meeting will be on Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. These sessions will be moderated by our Parochial Vicar, Father Daniel Oghenerukevwe, MSP. Bring a friend!

Come and have fun exploring the Bible.

All Catholic children attending public schools should enroll in a religious education program. Please call (476-6676) for more information.



The next **YOUTH GROUP** meeting will be next Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, in the school building immediately follow the 5 p.m. Sunday Mass. It will be a planning meeting for **YOUTH WEEK**, which runs from Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. The week will involve activities touching on many aspects and interests of the youth of our Parish. Expect to see a detailed schedule in February 9<sup>th</sup>'s bulletin, but a taste of what's to come includes outings to the Hudson River Museum and Maryknoll, basketball challenges, a movie night, an opportunity for Reconciliation, interaction with the Westchester Assisted Living residents, a panel discussion, Adoration, etc. All parishioners are asked first to pray for the success of this undertaking and are invited to join in the fun.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Loretta C. Siuta.

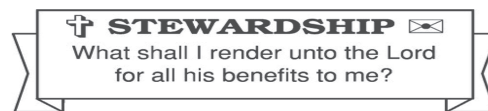


*Rest in Peace*

**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.

**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 *Last Weekend's Contribution Comparison*

	2013	2014	Difference
Adults	\$5,425.05	\$5,448.20	+\$ 23.15
Children	\$ 158.15	\$ 137.70	-\$ 20.45
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,583.20</b>	<b>\$5,585.90</b>	<b>+\$ 2.70</b>

**The second collection to defray the cost of snow removal and salting totaled \$1615.85.**

**PARISH SUPPORT:** Next Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will take up a second collection in support of our Parish buildings and grounds. Please endeavor to donate generously.

### 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!*

**"WHAT WE HAVE DONE FOR OURSELVES ALONE DIES WITH US; WHAT WE HAVE DONE FOR OTHERS AND THE WORLD REMAINS AND IS IMMORTAL."**

*~ Albert Pike*



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ethel Thomas, Aldina Pereira, Rebecca Conroy, Andy DeFabritis, Maria Marte, 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, 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, Gail Villafana, Joe Forlini, and Gertrude Woska.

### REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES, LIVING AND DEAD

The Mass Book for 2014 is open and has availability. Consider giving a loved one the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. Also, you may consider offering the Altar flowers, Altar bread and wine, Altar candles, or lighting the Sanctuary lamp for a week 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.

January 26, 2014

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Mass  for the  
Intentions Week

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, January 25 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM James Cabrera +

**Sunday, January 26**

8:30 AM Frank & Carmela Legio +

10:00 AM Mary & Nicholas Maccia +

11:30 AM Clement Giuriceo +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

**Monday, January 27**

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Sylvia Giorgi +

**Tuesday, January 28**

**Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Jean Fogarty +

**Wednesday, January 29**

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Marie Caloia +

**Thursday, January 30**

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Richard Compasso +

**Friday, January 31**

**Saint John Bosco, Priest**

7:00 AM John & Anne Gaffney +

9:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of Mercandetti Family

**Saturday, February 1**

Weekday

9:00 AM Joseph Buono, Sr.+

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**Presentation of the Lord**

**Saturday, February 1 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

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**Sunday, February 2**

8:30 AM Frances Starkenberg +

10:00 AM Carol A. Swetz +

11:30 AM George Goresen +

5:00 PM Frank & Carmela Legio +

*January 26, 2014*

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**ASSOCIATE MISSIONARIES OF ST. PAUL (AMSP)  
PARTNERSHIP IN MISSION**



Early missionaries arrived in Nigeria in the 1800s to sow the seed of faith. Since then this seed has sprouted and grown into a plentiful harvest, the Missionary Society of St. Paul. We are privileged to be missionaries from Nigeria sharing the faith with our brothers and sisters around the world. We are particularly thankful for the 25 years of ministry in the United States of America.

Without the prayers, friendship and material support of dedicated men and women where we work, our success story would not be complete. These lay Catholic men and women whom we call Associate Missionaries of St. Paul are our worthy collaborators. Even though many of these friends have been with us since we began ministry in the United States, it was not until January 25, 2007, that the first group of friends took their Solemn Admission as Associate Missionaries of St. Paul at St. Peter the Apostle Church in Houston, Texas.

We have formally inaugurated the Associate Missionaries of St. Paul in the following parishes in the Archdiocese of Galveston/Houston, TX: St. Peter the Apostle, St. Martin de Porres, St. Philip Neri, St. Nicholas, St. Anne de Beaupre, and St. Francis of Assisi. We also have the Associates in St. Benedict the Moor (Savannah, GA diocese); Sacred Heart/St. Mary Parish, Port Arthur (Beaumont, TX Diocese), St. Catherine of Siena in Donaldsonville, LA, and St. Benedict the Moor in Napoleonville, LA (both in Baton Rouge diocese). These associates pray for our priests and our missions. They make financial contributions to support our work in the missions and to sponsor our seminarians preparing for the missionary priesthood. Some of them have even gone on mission trips to Nigeria and will be making trips in the near future to other places where the Missionary Society of St. Paul priests are working.

This weekend, 15 dedicated men and women from Saint Bartholomew's Parish will join the growing number of the AMSP. We thank them for their decision to promote the work of the missions of the Church through their support to the MSP priests. May God bless them as they embark on this new journey.