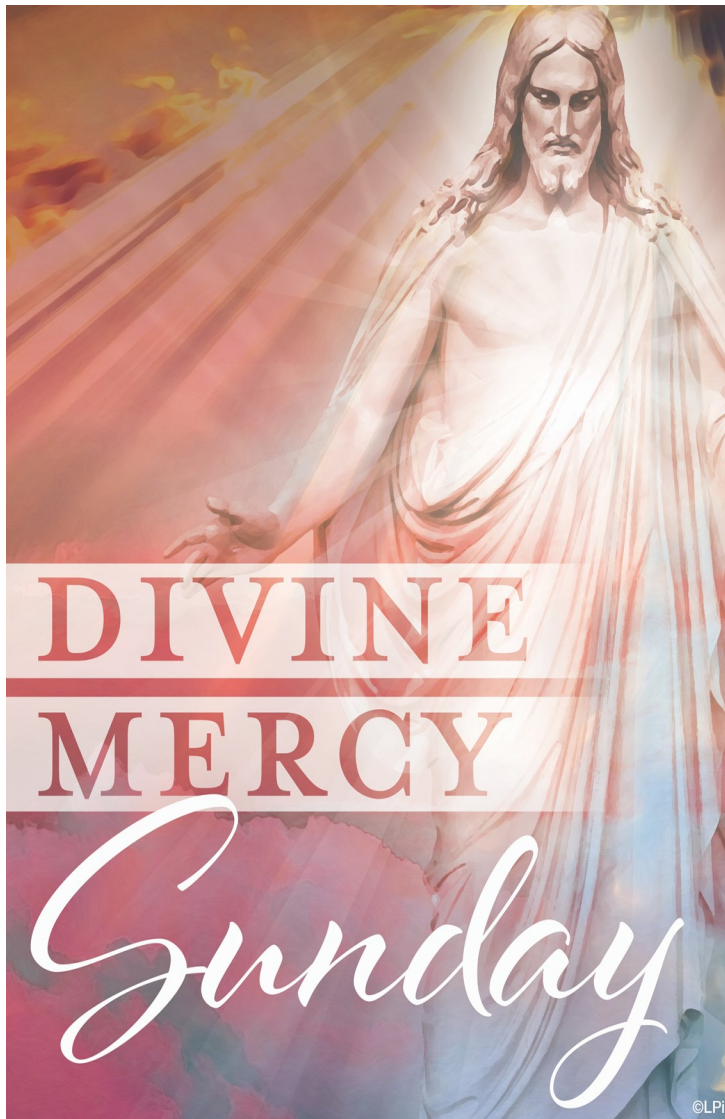


# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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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 Ezeh, 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

**THE DIVINE MERCY OF GOD**

Earlier in John's Gospel, at the Last Supper, Jesus had promised the disciples that God would send them the Spirit, an Advocate, to be with them always and to guide them in truth. No wonder that this is the first thing Jesus does when He appears to the disciples after the Resurrection in John's Gospel. He breathes on them and they receive the Holy Spirit, God's gift—then and now—to all who believe.

In Genesis, God breathed into the human person created out of clay and thus gave life. Here, in Jesus' first appearance to the disciples after His Resurrection, He breathes on them and gives them the Holy Spirit. It is a re-creation of sorts. The breath of



life in the Spirit creates the community of believers who are "begotten by God" (1 John 5:1) and "of one heart and mind" (Acts 4:32). In so doing, Jesus gives us life as God gave Adam life. In turn,

we witness to the Spirit's presence when we treat each other with the love and mercy we have been shown by God, realizing that since we are all God's children we are all sisters and brothers.

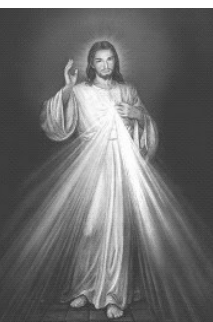
On Divine Mercy Sunday, we celebrate the boundless mercy of God, who throughout history has forgiven those who have turned away. Jesus preached forgiveness extensively in His ministry, enshrining it in the prayer He taught His disciples. Now He tells His disciples, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you Forgive are forgiven them" (John 20:22-23). God's mercy is both a gift of which we are unworthy and a model for us to follow.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

Whom can I forgive who has hurt me or someone I love? Can I put my trust in God, the author of all mercy? Can I believe that by forgiving my neighbor I am allowing the Spirit to work through me and am participating in the gift of Divine Mercy?

**TODAY IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

Pope John Paul II designated the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, and to ensure that the faithful would observe the day with devotion, he established special graces for participating in prayers and devotions honoring God's Divine Mercy.



In his homily at the beatification of Sister Mary Faustina, he reflected on the reading of the Second Sunday of Easter, saying: "The message of the divine mercy is implicitly a message about the value of every human being. Each person is precious in God's eyes. Christ gave His life for each one, to everyone the Father gives His Spirit and offers intimacy.

The Feast of Divine Mercy is both a celebration of God's merciful love and an example for us to follow. God's love for us is never more evident than when He forgives our sins.

What a great gift of His Divine Mercy we receive through our priests, in the Sacrament of Reconciliation! We have a duty not only to praise this gift of His Divine Mercy, but also to be agents of mercy in the lives of other people by performing corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

**PARISH NEWS**



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The **HOLY NAME SOCIETY** meeting will be held this Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center. All men of the parish are invited



The **ALTAR BREAD AND WINE, ALTAR CANDLES AND SANCTUARY LAMP** are donated in loving memory of Carmine and Margaret Maccia by John & Karen McKenna.



*Congratulations to Steven Segarra, Lucia Garay and Bryonna Rodriguez* who were baptized, confirmed and received their First Communion during the Easter Vigil Mass. We pray that God blesses them, their families, and sponsors; and we welcome them into our family of faith.

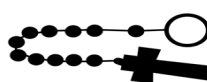
**The Rite of Christian Initiation** (popularly known as RCIA) is the process designed by the Church for adults to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. It is open to adults who have never been baptized and would prepare for all three sacraments; were baptized in a non-Catholic Christian denomination and are interested in becoming Catholic and would prepare for Confirmation and First Communion; or were baptized Catholic but never received Confirmation and/or Communion and would prepare for the sacraments they have not yet received. Please contact Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676 if you or somebody you know might be interested in the program.



**BE "INFORMED" FOR APRIL**

We hope you are enjoying the free parish subscription to [www.formed.org](http://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 Divine Mercy Sunday. Study: *Divine Mercy* or *Forgiven*. Watch: *Ocean of Mercy* or *Confession*. You can also Listen to: *Being All In*, *Confession*, *The Saving Power of Divine Mercy*, *The Second Greatest Story Every Told*, *Can you Trust God?*, *Necessity of Divine Mercy*, or *Vatican II, Mercy and You*. Contact Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676 if you have any questions.

**The Rosary Altar Society**



is asking if anyone has tea cups or teapots to donate for their upcoming tea party, please contact Liz Mulvaney at 914 403-8844.

RAS Tea party, Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> after the 9 a.m. Mass. More details to follow in upcoming weeks.



**UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**



**RELAY FOR LIFE BREAKFAST**

Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> after the 8:30, 10 and 11:30 a.m. Masses. Come and support this cause!!

**PHOTOGRAPHY SESSIONS FOR FAMILY DIRECTORY**

Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. Sign up via parish web site or call the Parish Office.

**CONFIRMATION**

Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at the 11:30 a.m. Mass

**Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass**

Sunday, June 3, 2018 at 2:15 p.m.

Saint Patrick's Cathedral

His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Celebrant

The Golden Jubilee mass is for couples celebrating 50 years of marriage during 2018.

All those who wish to attend must contact the Parish Office to register.

Pews will be reserved for Golden Jubilee couples. Additional guests will be accommodated in pews outside of the reserved section.

All Golden Jubilee couples will receive a special commemorative certificate. Couples who are unable to attend the Mass can request a certificate through their parish.

Registration will close on Monday, May 14, 2018.



**Wedding Jubilee Mass and Celebration at St. Bart's**

St. Bartholomew's couples who are celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary anytime this year (2018) are invited to attend the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 10, 2018. They will be blessed and honored during the Mass which will be followed by a Reception in the McManus Paris Center. **Please call the Parish Office, no later than Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup> to register** your participation and tell us how many guests you might be expecting at the Reception.



**Life Line Screening coming to St. Bart's on Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.**



Appointments begin at 9 a.m. Call to schedule your appointment at 1 888 653-6450. Tell your family and friends. See the flyer in today's bulletin.

**LOCAL EVENTS**

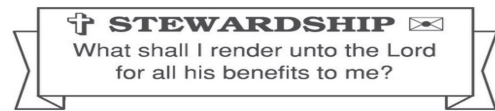
Sacred Heart High School Drama Club presents, **FOOTLOOSE** at Sacred Heart Church, Convent Avenue, Yonkers, NY on Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2 p.m. For information and tickets, please call 914 965-6953.

**Jumbo Flea Market at St. Paul the Apostle Church**, 77 Lee Avenue, Yonkers, NY on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Vendors Welcome, Lunch Available. Many different items. Call 914 965-9333 for more information.

**Stepinac Theatre Presents, RAGTIME, The Musical** on April 27<sup>th</sup>, April 28<sup>th</sup>, May 4<sup>th</sup>, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. and May 6<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m., Archbishop Stepinac High School, 950 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains, NY. Please call 914 946-4800 ext. 200 for more information.

**Bereavement Support Group**, St. Augustine Church, 18 Cherry Avenue, Larchmont, NY will meet every Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup> to June 4<sup>th</sup> from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Please call 914 834-1220, ext. 23 for more information.

**CATHOLIC WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS OF YONKERS**, will hold their 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary luncheon on Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. at Gianna's Restaurant, 1034 North Broadway, Yonkers, NY. Cost is \$25 payable at the luncheon. Reservations are required.



**TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**  
**Sunday Collection Update**

Amount Needed Weekly	\$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$6,443.80
Balance	- \$ 556.20
*(Envelopes \$5,968.80, Online \$475.00)	

Amount Needed for Month of April	\$35,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$ 6,443.80

The Easter collection totaled: **\$9,113.40**

The Holy Thursday collection totaled **\$1,054.00**

The Good Friday collection in support of the Holy Land totaled **\$1,191.30**

The Building and Grounds Collection Totaled: **\$1,297.00**

"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!

**It's time to sign up for on line giving with We Share. Please contact the parish office or take a flyer and sign up sheet at the rear of the church.**



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Richard Meyers, Andrea Objay, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Michael Tomanelli, Ariella Castillo, Gail Chappory, Randolph Castillo, Jr., 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, Frank Sanzo, Paul Pesavento, Isabel Medina, Larry Vandak and Lisa Villar.

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

Our **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. **Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @St\_Barts\_youth.**

Our newly formed **EDGE GROUP (AGES 11-13)** meets the second Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building.

Our **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (AGES 4-10)** meets the third Friday each month at 6:30 p.m. in the school building.

April 8, 2018

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Mass  for the  
Intentions *Week*

**Saturday, April 7 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Anthony Giuriceo +  
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**Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)**

**Sunday, April 8, 2018**

8:30 AM Deceased Members Of Holy Name Society  
10:00 AM Deceased Members of Capuano & Lucchetti families  
11:30 AM Deceased Members of Petrus Mkhize family  
5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish  
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**Monday, April 9**

**The Annunciation of the Lord**

7:00 AM Rosalie Heit +  
9:00 AM Ines M. Areizaga +

**Tuesday, April 10**

**Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM Helen Duda +  
9:00 AM Margaret T. Maccia +

**Wednesday, April 11**

**Saint Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr**

7:00 AM Salvatore Affriunte +  
9:00 AM Margaret T. Maccia +

**Thursday, April 12**

**Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM Albert Popot +  
9:00 AM John Esposito +

**Friday, April 13**

**Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM Mrs. Elvina Tippins +  
9:00 AM John Bryce +

**Saturday, April 14**

**Easter Weekday**

9:00 AM Carmine Nicholas Maccia +

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**Saturday, April 14 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Charles Wighton +  
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**Third Sunday of Easter**

**Sunday, April 15, 2018**

8:30 AM Harold W. Smith III +  
10:00 AM Joseph Paul Prior +  
11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish  
5:00 PM Peter & Josephine Pisacreta +

## HOW TO PRAY THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is a relatively recent but very popular devotion revealed by Our Lord to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun. On Good Friday, 1937 Christ appeared to St. Faustina and asked her to recite this chaplet for nine days, starting on Good Friday and ending on the Octave of Easter (the Sunday after Easter Sunday) and is now known as Divine Mercy Sunday. This chaplet is often recited during



those nine days, but it can be prayed at any time of the year, and St. Faustina recited it almost unceasingly. A standard rosary can be used to recite the chaplet.

- ◆ Make the Sign of the Cross
- ◆ Pray the Opening Prayers: “You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.” “O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You.” (3 times).
- ◆ Pray the Our Father
- ◆ Pray the Hail Mary
- ◆ Say the Apostles Creed
- ◆ Pray the Prayer “Eternal Father” on the Our Father bead: “Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world. Amen.”
- ◆ Pray the Prayer “For the Sake of His Sorrowful Passion” Ten Times on the Hail Mary Beads: “For the sake of His Sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.”
- ◆ Repeat Steps 6 and 7: On each of the next four decades of the Chaplet, repeat Steps 6 and 7 (pray the Eternal Father, followed by ten “For the Sakes of His Sorrowful Passion.”)
- ◆ Pray the Concluding Doxology Three Times after all five decades: “Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.” (three times)
- ◆ Pray the Closing Prayer: “Eternal God, in Whom mercy is endless, and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us, and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments, we might not despair, nor become despondent, but with great confidence, submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.”
- ◆ End with the Sign of the Cross