

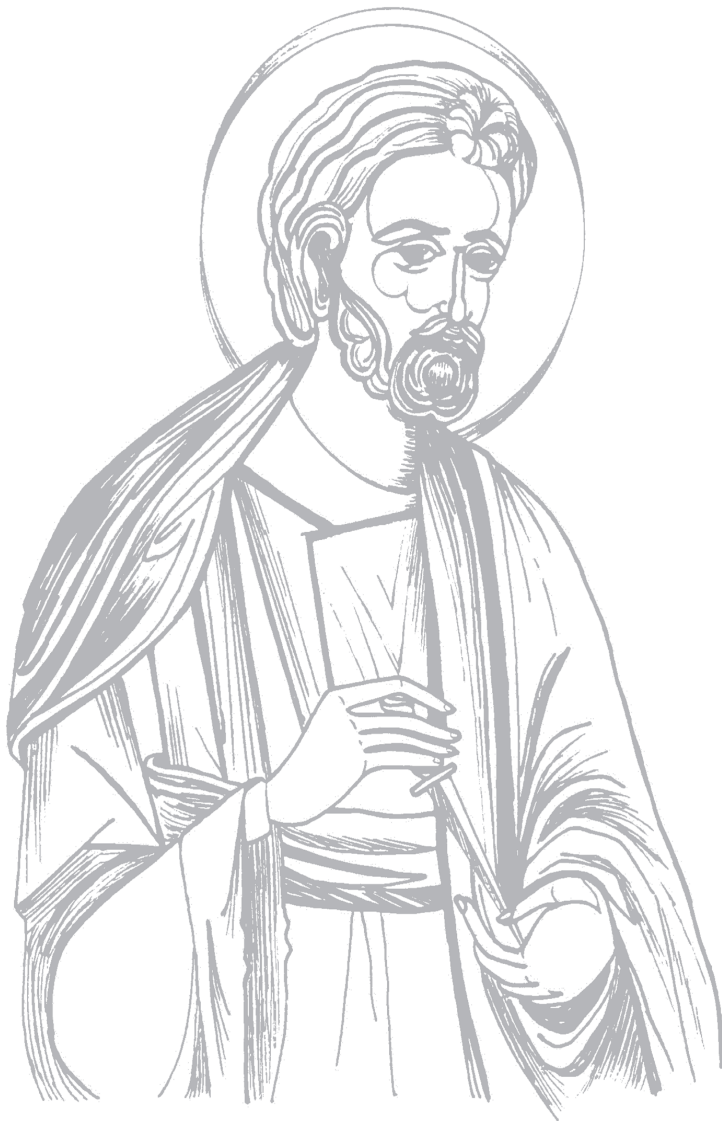
St. Bartholomew's Church



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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: Angela Brusco, Louis Caloia

A NEW LAW



In our first reading today, Sirach tells us that God has set before us fire and water ... life and death, good and evil, and has invited us to make our choice. (15:16-17). However, whichever one we choose shall be given to us. In our second reading (1 Corinthians 2:6-10), Paul proclaims wisdom to those who are mature, rather than preach the wisdom of this age. And in our gospel (Matthew 5:17-37), Jesus, fulfilling the Law, declares, "You have heard that it was said ... but now I say to you". Jesus was no ordinary teacher interpreting the Torah, but God's beloved Son with whom God is well pleased. He is challenging us to reach beyond the law's letter, beyond our culture's accepted mores, to radically self-sacrificing love.

Thus, not only is murder prohibited for Jesus' disciples, but even angry thoughts, insulting murmurs, abusive words. Adultery is not only the sinful action itself, but even the preliminary lustful thoughts that reduces a person made in God's image to a thing that exists for our pleasure. Marriage is not merely a legal contract, but a lifelong covenant. No need for oaths; transparent honesty makes our every word literally the "God's honest truth."

Most importantly, whatever the issue, however misunderstood I feel, the disciple always makes the first move, takes the first step toward reconciliation. Jesus goes further. No solemn prayer can replace such radical, interpersonal peace making. Even our liturgy's sanctifying power is nullified without reconciliation. Interrupt the liturgy, leave sacred gifts unoffered at the altar whenever you recall that anyone has anything against you.

Note carefully the extraordinary challenge: not if we remember something we've actually done, but, remarkably, if you "recall that your brother or sister has anything against you (Matthew 5:223). This includes, even if the alleged offense exists only in the other person's mind. This week, ask yourself: is there a situation in my life calling for a reconciliation that will not happen unless I make the first move? If there is, how soon will I do so?
(Curled from Pastoral Patterns, Winter 2017).

World Marriage Day

Next Sunday is World Marriage Day. Married life is getting tougher by the day due to many pressures couples face in our society. So, we will remember all couples in a special way next Sunday. We shall pray over and bless all them at each Mass.

Our 9-Day Novena: Feb 6 - 14

Thanks a lot to everyone that signed to be part of this first effort of showing our love and care for our beloved parish. We have:

- #198 parishioners (individuals and families) committed to join the Novena
- #177 pledged to pray 1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary, and 1 Glory be to God each day
- #73 pledged to pray one decade of the rosary each day
- #65 pledged to pray one full rosary each day
- #18 pledged to pray before the Blessed Sacrament each day.



- #Others:
- 3 pledged other novenas
- 1 to read a daily meditation
- 1 to pray the Memorare
- 1 to pray constantly throughout the day
- 1 to offer self-sanctification
- 3 to pray for SB to remain open & thrive

This is amazing. Thank you so much for being part of this. We'll take it to the next level.

Blessings and peace.

Fr. Raphael Ezech

PARISH NEWS



MEETING: The Holy Name Society meeting will be held this Monday, February 13th, at 7:30 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center. All men of the Parish are invited to attend.

The **SANCTUARY LAMP** is lit in loving memory of Vito Traversa by the Traversa Family.



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

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

REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES, LIVING AND DEAD
The Mass Book for 2017 has some availability. Consider giving a loved one the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. Or 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 Parish Office, **Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** to make arrangements or to inquire about date availability.

OPENING OF THE 2018 MASS BOOK

The Mass Book for 2018 will open on **Ash Wednesday, March 1st**. You may come to the Parish Office immediately following the Masses at 9 a.m. and 12 noon to have Masses offered for yourself and for your loved ones, whether living or deceased.

PARISH BIBLE SHARING / STUDIES: Bible Study is held every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the school building. These sessions are moderated by Father Raphael. Bring a friend! Come and have fun exploring the Bible.



PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious, or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sister Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1011 ext. 2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 914-861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME




Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass, in the school building.

YOUTH WEEK WILL BE THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19th.

Be sure to make your reservations

Call Mrs. Chimenti at 914 882-8644

Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ St_Barts_youth.

St. Bart's Angels, Relay for Life Breakfast, Sunday, February 26th after all the morning Masses.  **Don't Forget!** Please support their efforts!!

LOCAL EVENTS

FAMILY LIFE AND RESPECT LIFE OFFICE

THE EMMAUS MINISTRY FOR GRIEVING PARENTS

Serving the Spiritual Needs of Parents Whose Children of Any Age Have Died by Any Cause— No Matter How Long Ago

February 25, 2017—one day retreat at St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers, NY
Or April 1, 2017 at Church of the Magdalene, Sleepy Hollow, NY

Retister on line at www.emfgp.org/archny or contact Sue Di Sisto at susan.disisto@archny.org or call 646 794-3191
Cost \$25 per person, \$40 per couple

ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH, LARCHMONT, NY

Bereavement Support Group

January 23 to March 20, 2017

Every Monday from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Contact Sister Muriel at 914 834-1220, ext. 23 or srmuriel@staugustineny.org

HOSPICE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP 2017

Group or Individual Available

Hospice of Westchester

1025 Westchester Avenue, White Plains, NY

914 682-1484

Karen M. Dreher, Ext. 130

Kim Gordon, Ext. 163

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE OF HUDSON VALLEY

A Peer Ministry to widowed, divorced and separated men and women

Healing Weekend from March 31 to April 2

St. Lawrence Retreat Center in Beacon, NY

Open to men and women of all ages who have suffered the loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation.

For information or registration, please call Mary Ann H at 914 962-1112 or Betty at 973 903-3941 or

e mail at ny.hudson.valley@beginningexperience.org



Fr. Jack Vigilanti would like to thank the parishioners of St. Bartholomew's for their condolences, prayers, visits, and presence at the passing of his mother, Irene on January 31st.

If you would like to contact Fr. Jack, his address is:

Fr. John Vigilanti, Ed D

5C Heritage Hills

Somers, New York 10589

Phone Number: 347 255-1682

E mail: padrejav@gmail.com



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING Sunday Collection Update

Amount Needed Weekly	\$8,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$7,072.45*
Balance	-\$ 927.55
*(Envelopes \$5,557.45, Online \$1,515.00)	

Amount Needed for Month of February	\$32,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$ 7,072.45

The Collection for Building and Grounds totaled: \$1,811.

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!

In lieu of filling out envelopes weekly, please consider signing up for online giving at www.parishpay.com or contact the Parish Office. So far, we have 12 families that have signed up. If you have difficulties signing up, please contact Parish Pay at (866) 727-4741 or call the Parish Office.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Richard Meyers, Rosalie Heit, Andrea Objay, Margaret Maccia, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Charles Wighton, Michael Tomanelli, Ariella Castillo, Gail Chappory, Randolph Castillo, Jr., Deacon Jim Byrne, Gregory Clemens, Florence McCormack, Mary Bryce, Anna Bonacci, William Flower, Efrain Arzola, Henry Joseph, Deacon Bob Clemens, Carolyn Cesta, William Bodack, Joseph Mahoney, Mary De Santis, Leticia Agosto, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Rosalia Guzman, Ann McGarry, Florence B. Swetz, Daniel Pezzola, Al Dio Dati and Brittany Arzola.

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

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

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY: Join your fellow parishioners in praying the Rosary after the 9 a.m. Mass on weekdays and Saturdays.

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.

Mass  *for the*
Intentions *Week*

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 11 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Sunday, February 12

8:30 AM Deceased Members of Holy Name Society

10:00 AM Vito Traversa +

11:30 AM James Salerno +

5:00 PM Felix Vazquez & Jose Romero +

Monday, February 13

Weekday

7:00 AM Andrew Pisacreta +

9:00 AM Joseph Melillo +

Tuesday, February 14

Saints Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishop

7:00 AM Anne Morrissey +

9:00 AM Bernard Mistal & Margaret Kielkucki +

Wednesday, February 15

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM James & Margaret Kelly +

Thursday, February 16

Weekday

7:00 AM Luigi Lucchetti +

9:00 AM Robert L. & Lillian Kurtz +

Friday, February 17

Weekday

7:00 AM Cosimo Fiorentino +

9:00 AM Charles & Evangeline Yaskovic +

Saturday, February 18

Weekday

9:00 AM Carmine Nicholas Maccia +

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 18 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Ralph Verderosa +

Sunday, February 19

8:30 AM Robert Liddell +

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM Geraldine Rose Grady +

5:00 PM Deceased Members of Baumeister Family

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY

Our warmest welcome to our visitors! We are glad you came to celebrate the Eucharist with us today. We thank God for you! Do not hesitate to let us know how we may serve you.

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If you have not registered or need to correct some of the information in our file, please fill out this form and check (X) the appropriate box below, or you may also use the complete Registration Form found on the table at the rear of the Church; and drop the completed form into the collection basket or drop off/mail it to the Rectory. Thank you!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Comment: _____

- ◇ I am interested in parish membership.
- ◇ I am a visitor.
- ◇ Change of Address / Telephone Number.
- ◇ I am moving out of the Parish.
- ◇ I am going to the hospital.
- ◇ I would like to be visited by a priest / minister.
- ◇ Please send me the Catholic New York.
- ◇ I would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith.

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PARENTS' VALENTINE'S DAY BLESSING



God of all love,
You brought us together as man and woman
So that we might love each other
And show Your love to the world through the
gift

Of the child(ren) You have given us.
Help us to be loving and kind to one another
Each day of our lives.
Bless our child(ren) with Your love in our home
And in every other place.
May Your love be shown to others,
In our family and beyond the walls of our home.
May all of us know the depth of Your enduring love
And be strengthened to share that same love
That comes from You
And is spread throughout the world. Amen.