

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



TRINITY

Father • Son • Spirit

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.

OF FATHERS AND FATHERHOOD



A casual sex here and there, among tweens and older, and a child is conceived. Wanted or unwanted, it is a life, from God and of God. Actions, sweet or bitter, intended or not, have consequences and responsibilities. Nine months later, a child is born. Beside her, or in the waiting room, awaits an anxious dad. If fate be less favorable, he may be further away, or worse, unaware. The former, we salute like a hero, especially, if they stand by child and mother through the years, in good times and in bad, offering their very best, making life worth living. And for the latter, we pray that life lessons be truly learned: love and sex is about life, that brings responsibilities that are in no ways casual. We salute too, those who, though not fathers, take up the challenges and roles of fathers, some more than actual fathers. For all of the above and much more, we pray that the Holy Trinity bless, equip, strengthen, and reward, now, tomorrow, and forever. Amen.
Happy Father's Day to our wonderful fathers.

PENTECOST SUNDAY CELEBRATION

First, many thanks to all those who led us in the prayers of the faithful and those who did the readings in their languages. Thanks to Cheryl who helped to coordinate the participants. The celebration went very well. From comments and sampled opinions, the majority of our parishioners enjoyed it. Some were effusive in their praise of how the liturgy went and how meaningful it was for them. Thanks to the few parishioners who expressed dislike.

The Liturgy Committee will evaluate the celebration and make recommendations for improvements next year. We know that in a parish where 650-750 parishioners attend Masses, not everyone will like everything. I pray and hope that as a family, we will always be open to new things. We keep those that are helpful and discard those that are not. That's how growth is achieved. Fear of change stifles growth and what could be. In all, we will always hear everyone out, be sensitive to everyone's opinion and suggestions, even if we differ in our final decisions. Isn't it amazing that we have 28 countries represented here at St. Bart's?! May we cherish our unity in diversity and continue to grow in our faith and bond. Amen.

FATHER DANIEL'S TRANSFER

I always want important information to be announced in the Church and also to be in the bulletin for the sake of our Sick and Shut-Ins who are not in church with us. Last Sunday, Father Daniel announced that he'd leave for a Spanish course in San Antonio, Texas. He will be there until July 15th, when he returns. He'll be with us until mid August, when he expects to be assigned to his own parish somewhere in Texas. It was a sad announcement and some were upset, although happy for him for the opportunity to learn Spanish and to become a pastor. Please keep him in your prayers. Sadly, St. Bart's will continue to experience this every other year: associates pastors will continue to come and go. I believe it is a better option than having a pastor only and inviting priests around us, who are not always available.

NEW REGIONAL SUPERIOR FOR MSP

Last April when we went down to Houston for our annual MSP meeting, we held elections for the US & Canada Regional officers. This past week the Central Administration in Nigeria confirmed the results. Our new officers are:

Very Reverend George Okeahilam, MSP, Regional Superior

Very Reverend Felix Osasona, MSP, Vice Regional Superior
 Very Reverend Evaristus Chukwu, MSP, Regional Bursar

Their office will begin in October. Please keep them and our mission in your prayers.

Have a blessed week! ~ Father Raphael Ezech, MSP.

PARISH NEWS



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will meet this Monday, June 16th, at 7:00 p.m. in the school. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

The **ALTAR FLOWERS** are donated this week in loving memory of Fiore Brusco and Gabriel Nanoia by Louis and Angela Brusco.



The **ALTAR BREAD & WINE, ALTAR CANDLES,** and **SANCTUARY LAMP** for this week have been donated in loving memory of Fiore Brusco and Gabriel Nanoia by Louis and Angela Brusco.

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Register **now** for next year's Religious Education program. Children in public school who will be entering First Grade through High School in September are eligible for these classes. Evening classes are available to accommodate the children of working parents. Besides grade level classes, instruction prepares children for Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation. Call Cheryl Duda (476-6676) for information.



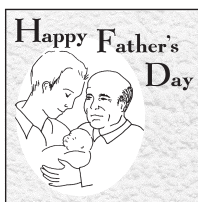
CHILDREN'S MASS: Please make it a point to bring your child to our Children's Mass next Sunday. The 10 a.m. Mass will focus on our children. The Parish Children's Choir will sing at the Mass. The children are encouraged to sit together with other children at a designated place during the Mass.



FATHER'S DAY CARDS AND NOVENA

This Sunday, June 15th, is Father's Day. **GREAT GIFT FOR**
 We have begun a 9 day Novena of Masses for all our fathers - living and deceased. There are cards and/or envelopes at the back of the church. If you want your father, father-in-law or any other father remembered in the Novena of Masses, please fill out the envelope and bring it to the Rectory Office during the week.





HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL THE FATHERS OF OUR PARISH – WE LOVE YOU ALL!

May God bless each and every father in our Parish today and throughout the coming year.

The Annual Parish Picnic sponsored by the Holy Name Society is scheduled for next Sunday, June 22nd, at St. Joseph's Seminary from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Please plan on attending this great family day. To facilitate food planning, advance purchase of tickets is required.



Be part of this parish fun time!



Have you returned your Raffle stubs for our Annual Parish Raffle? The winning ticket for this fundraising effort will be drawn at this year's Parish Picnic on Sunday, June 22nd. One lucky participant will take home the 50/50 prize. Contributions have already surpassed \$2500 and are still coming in - just in time to kick off summer!

GIANT INDOOR TAG SALE Saturday, June 21st

Donations will be accepted this week. Household items and jewelry are especially popular, all items in good condition accepted, but no books or TVs, please. Call the Parish Office (965-0566) to arrange to drop off donations. Clean out your closets / cabinets and help us make this fundraiser a success!



ALTAR SERVER NEWS

We welcome and thank our new altar servers, Jessica Batac, Angelica Blanco, Sarah Fermin, Amanda Gentile, Janet Herrera, Rey Roman, and Madison Wuestenhoefler for their willingness to serve our parish in this ministry.

If a child has made First Communion, is in at least the 4th Grade, & would like to train as an altar server, please call Cheryl Duda (914 476-6676). Altar serving is not limited to young children; 23 of our servers are in high school or college.

Congratulations to our newest Lector, Thomas Bresnan. We thank God for his willingness to serve our community!



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.

STEWARDSHIP

What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits to me?

TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING Last Weekend's Contribution Comparison

Table with 4 columns: Category, 6/9/13, 6/8/14, Difference. Rows include Adults, Children, and Total.

The 2nd Collection in support of the Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa totaled \$1,304.30.

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, 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, 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, Gerald Mazzerese, Jr., Patricia Keane, Carol Stola, Amada Ortiz, Karen Aprea, Stephen Sarich, Neil Cawley, Barbara McCormack, Josephine Lehotyak, Lawrence Girsch, Fran Romano, Joe Forlini, Michael Treacy, Rosemarie Petti, Marie Murtha, and Mary Walsh.

The YOUTH GROUP will not meet this Sunday, June 15th, because it is Father's Day.

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.

Our YOUTH GROUP is hosting two activities soon! Please plan on joining the fun!

- Fri, June 27th - Free Kids' Night for kids under 13 with their parents
•Sat, June 28th - Parish Roaring 20s themed Dance, ages 13 and older. Seniors \$5; advanced purchase \$8 & \$10 at the door.

The CANCER SUPPORT GROUP will meet this Wednesday, June 18th, 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.

June 15, 2014

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Most Holy Trinity

Saturday, June 14 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Fathers

Sunday, June 15

8:30 AM Carmine Nicholas Maccia +

10:00 AM Fiore Brusco & Gabriel Nanoia +

11:30 AM Marcello Barcello +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, June 16

Weekday

7:00 AM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Fathers

9:00 AM Vera & Leonard Potenza +

Tuesday, June 17

Weekday

7:00 AM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Fathers

9:00 AM Elaine D. Dalton +

Wednesday, June 18

Weekday

7:00 AM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Fathers

9:00 AM Lucy DeMartino +

Thursday, June 19

Weekday

7:00 AM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Fathers

9:00 AM Georgianna & Harold O'Mara +

Friday, June 20

Weekday

7:00 AM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Fathers

9:00 AM Ben Filippone +

Saturday, June 21

Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

9:00 AM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Fathers

Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Saturday, June 21 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Fr. Anthony's Ordination Anniversary

Sunday, June 22

8:30 AM Fr. Anthony's 23rd Ordination Anniversary

10:00 AM George & Eleanor Tiplady +

11:30 AM Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart

5:00 PM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Fathers

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FATHER'S DAY PRAYER



Father, we ask that You bless those fathers
Who have striven to balance the demands
Of work, marriage, and children
With an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice.

Let us praise those fathers,
Who lacking a good model for a father,
Have worked to become a good father.

Father, we ask that You bless those fathers
Who by their own account
Were not always there for their children,
But who continue to offer those children, now grown,
Their love and support.
Let us pray for those fathers who have been wounded
By the neglect and hostility of their children.

Father, we ask that You bless those fathers,
Who despite divorce have remained in their children's lives.
Let us praise those fathers whose children are adopted,
And whose love and support has offered healing.

Father, we ask that You bless those fathers,
Who as stepfathers,
Freely choose the obligation of fatherhood
And earn their step children's love and respect.
Let us praise those fathers who have lost a child to death,
And continue to hold the child in their hearts.

Father, we ask that You bless those men,
Who have no children,
But cherish the next generation as if they were their own.

Father, we ask that You bless those men
Who have "fathered" us in their role as mentors and guides.

Father, we ask that You bless those men
Who are about to become fathers;
May they openly delight in their children.

And Father, we ask that You bless those fathers
Who have died,
But live on in our memory
And whose love continues to nurture us.

Amen.

