

Saint Bartholomew's Church

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THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

They made signs, asking his father what he wished him to be called. He asked for a tablet and wrote, "John is his name," and all were amazed. - Lk 1:62-63

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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 Ezech, 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

JOHN THE BAPTIST, CALLED BY GOD



Who am I to speak God's word to others? Jeremiah balks at his mission. "I know not how to speak; I am too young" (1:6). Peter, though enthusiastic and impetuous, is accused of being of little faith and would go on to deny his association with Jesus. Yet both are trusted by God to speak the word of God and God gives each the power to do so. "See, I place my words in your mouth!" the Lord says to Jeremiah (1:9). After Peter confesses that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, Jesus selects Peter to receive the keys to the kingdom of heaven. God provides the ability and the confidence to allow Jeremiah and Peter to preach in the Lord's name.

Isaiah and Paul spend much of their lives preaching about the Messiah. Isaiah prophesied about the one who would be sent by God to save the Chosen People. Paul spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles. Interestingly, today's first and second reading both end with the same subject: salvation. Isaiah writes that the Lord wants "my salvation to reach to the ends of the earth" (Isaiah 49:6). Paul says that "to us the world of salvation has been sent" (Acts 13:26). The Messiah brings salvation to all and Isaiah and Paul, like John the Baptist took it upon themselves to preach this message to everyone.

Traditionally, a saint's day is celebrated on the anniversary of their death, since that day marks the day of their entrance into heaven. But we also celebrate John the Baptist on the day of his birth. Perhaps this is because he was called by God before he was born. Luke writes that John the Baptist was filled with the Holy Spirit in his mother's womb (Luke 1:15). But let us not forget that the Holy Spirit came to each of us when we were baptized.



God called John the Baptist to prepare the way for Jesus. In baptism, God call us to prepare the way for Jesus in the world today. John the Baptist completed his mission by purifying himself in the desert, then traveling throughout the region, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, teaching people to be honest and generous, and preparing them for the Messiah.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How can I prepare the way for Jesus in my corner of the world? Can I recognize a desert somewhere in my world that is without Jesus' message of hope and comfort?

Blessings

Fr. Raphael Ezech

PARISH NEWS



Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially Reverend

Monsignor Thomas E. Gilleece, Reverend Donald T. Fussner, Deacon Ralph Longo and Anthony S. Guarente.



The ALTAR FLOWERS, ALTAR BREAD AND WINE, ALTAR CANDLES AND SANCTUARY LAMP are donated in loving memory of Angelina Brusco by Lou and Angela Brusco.



Religious Education

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. Please call Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676 for more information.

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. Please contact Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676 if you or somebody you know might be interested in the program.



BLOOD DRIVE

New York Blood Center Declares BLOOD EMERGENCY!

NYBC must continually replenish the required seven-day inventory of all blood. Reserves are well below that minimum. World Blood Donor Day was Thursday, June 14th.



St Bart's will be conducting the 90th blood drive in the 37 years since starting in 1981 on Friday, July 6th, at the McManus Parish Center from 1:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. St Bart's parishioners

and friends have made 6,752 donations to date. We are traditionally asked to run drives during holiday periods when the need for blood is great and the donations are usually down. Your support is just one of many things that make St. Bart's special. If you can donate, please call Tony Sciacca @ 914 423-3592 for an appointment and tell your family and friends too.

ADOPTION

Children in China need homes. More boys are available than girls. Older parents and single women welcome. For more information, please contact Barbara Salvesen at 845 623-5277.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

**JUNE
PARISH PICNIC**

This Sunday, June 24th sponsored by the Holy Name Society.



JULY

Movie Thursday,

Thursday, July 19th, 9:30 am to 12 Noon

Steubenville (Youth)

July 20th—July 22nd

AUGUST

Movie Thursday

Thursday, August 16th, 9:30 am to 12 Noon

St. Bartholomew's Feast Day Block Party

Saturday, August 25th

SOCIAL MINISTRY: Our food pantry has a need for the following items: : canned corn, canned string beans, canned fruit, coffee, napkins or paper towels. Please keep this in mind on your next trip to the supermarket. Thank you for your continuing support!!



Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sundays 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.



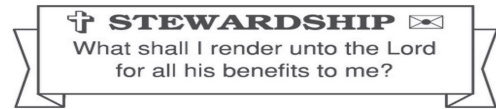
ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Three priests sat discussing the best positions for prayer while a telephone repairman worked nearby. "Kneeling is definitely best," claimed one. "No," another contended. "I get the best results standing with my hands outstretched to Heaven." "You're both wrong," the third insisted. "The most effective prayer

position is lying prostrate, face down on the floor." The repairman could contain himself no longer. "Hey, fellas," he interrupted, "the best praying I ever did was hanging upside down from a telephone pole."

SUMMER PRAYER

Lord,
What about You and me?
I don't want to
forget You just because
I'm off my normal school-year routine.
Keep close to me, Lord,
and remind me that my relationship
with You should never take a break. Amen.



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

Amount Needed Weekly \$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday \$6,059.00
Balance - \$ 941.00
*(Envelopes \$4,804 , Online \$1,255)

Amount Needed for Month of June \$28,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far **\$17,624.05**

"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, Theresa Venturino, Nicholas Arzola, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Frank Sanzo, Paul Pesavento, Isabel Medina, Larry Vandak, Lisa Villar, Rosemarie Petti, Paul Sarubbi, Judy Ellsworth, Nancy (Candy) Viola , Lou De Muro, Harold Sullivan and Dianne Milder.

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.

June 24 2018

Mass  for the
Intentions *for the*
Week

Saturday, June 23 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Angelina Brusco +

Sunday, June 24, 2018

The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

8:30 AM Caroline Klee +
10:00 AM George & Eleanor Tiplady +
11:30 AM Doris Blanco (Living)
5:00 PM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Fathers

Monday, June 25

Weekday

7:00 AM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Fathers
9:00 AM Diane Wasiczko +

Tuesday, June 26

Weekday

7:00 AM Reverend Anthony Ita Bassey, MSP +
9:00 AM Ellen & Joe Chimenti (Living)

Wednesday, June 27

Weekday

7:00 AM Rosalie Chimenti +
9:00 AM Carmela Sacchetta (Living)

Thursday, June 28

Saint Irenaeus, Bishop

7:00 AM Carlos Amorim +
9:00 AM Rosario Barbieri +

Friday, June 29

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

7:00 AM Mary Walsh & Helen Duda +
9:00 AM Ivana Marchetti +

Saturday, June 30

Weekday

9:00 AM Helen Duda +

Saturday, June 30 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Teresina & Luigi Pagnotta +

Sunday, July 1, 2018

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Mary Ann Karpinski +
10:00 AM Arnaldo De Sanctis +
11:30 AM Frank, Carmela & Dina Legio +
5:00 PM Maureen Clare +

June 24, 2018

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 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 Parish Office. Thank you!

Name:

Address:

City/Zip:

Telephone:

Comment:

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- 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.

LOCAL EVENTS

St. Paul the Apostle Church (Hall) is having a Healing Service sponsored by The Community of the Risen Lord, NY conducted by Brother Lalith Perera and Team, on June 30th from 9:30-4:30 p.m. Contact Sr. Eileen/Joan at 914 965-9333.

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a candidate for a career opportunity representing their insurance program. For more information, please contact General Agent Bill Schneider at 914 420-6836, or e mail William.schneider@kofc.org. In order to qualify, the candidate need not be a current member but must be eligible for future membership in the Knights of Columbus.

The Serra Club of the Bronx and Westchester Is holding their June luncheon date this Wednesday, June 27th at the Eastwood Manor, located at Eastchester Road and Boston Post Road. The guest speaker is Fr. Andrew /Carrozza, the Pastor at St. Ann's Church, and the topic is Evangelizing Youth in Today's World. The cost of the Luncheon is \$30. Please call 718 798-7176 for additional information and to make reservations by June 25th.