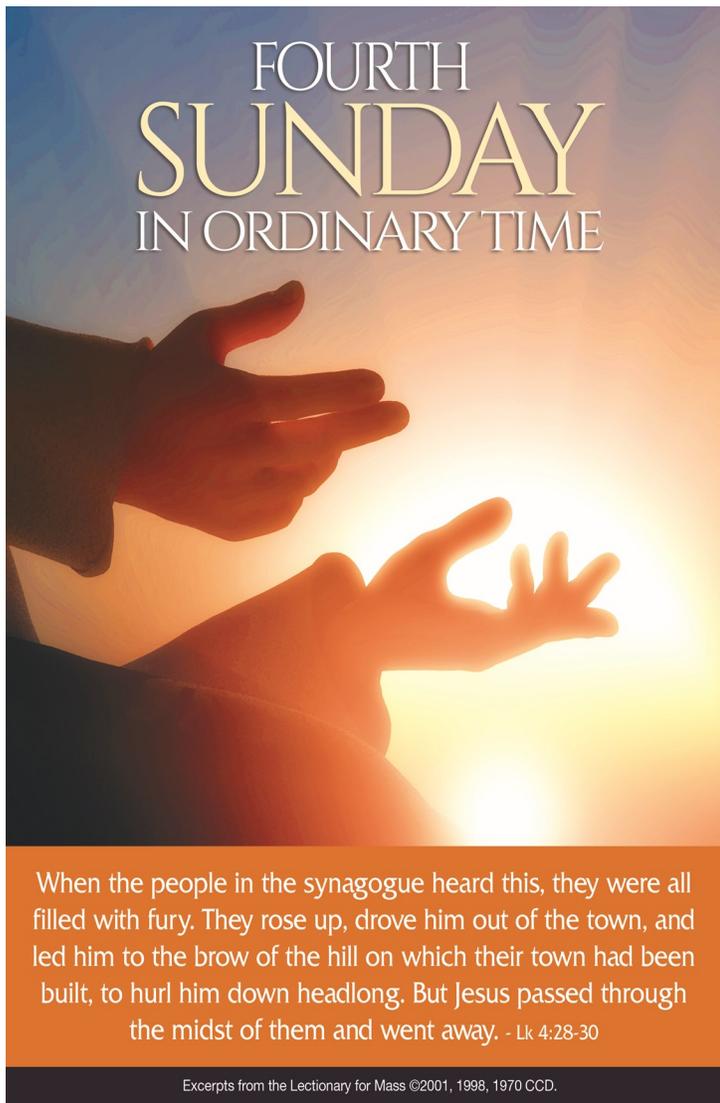


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and 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 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

LOVE, THE LONGEST LASTING GIFT FROM GOD

The people of Nazareth were expecting a different kind of Messiah, someone who would overthrow the Roman authorities. But Jesus wants to make sure they understand that He was not sent just for His own people. The world is a lot larger than that. So He reminded them that Elijah brought God's mercy to a poor pagan widow and Elisha called forth God's healing power upon a foreigner. God's love cannot be confined to one town or one people. Neither could God's Son.



Corinth was something of a melting pot in the first century. A major seaport where East met West, its inhabitants were of varied social, economic and religious backgrounds. The early Christian community was actually several disparate communities, divided by religious heritage, wealth, and class, as well as by which disciple led them. This greatly troubled Paul, who continually preached unity. Two weeks ago we heard him argue that all spiritual gifts are unified by the same Spirit. Last week we heard him use the analogy of the body to teach them that though they had different roles they all had vital roles. Evidently he feels that these two arguments are not enough, for today we hear him start by saying, "I shall show you a still more excellent way" (1 Corinthians 12:31). He is going to attack this disunity with everything he has. Now he has realized the best way.



Love. Love is the ultimate answer. Love is the greatest and longest-lasting gift we have from God. It is the Father's love for us that brought us Jesus. Christ's love for us that won us salvation, Their love for us that gave us the Spirit. So it is that love that can conquer all.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Can I see the face of Jesus in someone I disagree with? Can I respond with love? Can that love bear all things, believe all things, hope all things, endure all things?

PASTORAL PATTERNS, WINTER 2019

PARISH NEWS



THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE, is donated in loving memory of Carmine and Margaret Maccia by John and Karen McKenna.

SHARING COMMUNITY MEAL: Thursday, February 7th we are providing the Sharing Community with our monthly contribution of baked ziti and desserts. Please bring your donation to the Rectory basement. The door will be opened at 6:45 a.m. The Sharing Community truly appreciates our efforts. **If you'd like to contribute, please call the Parish Office at 914-965-0566**



Calling all Seniors! Calling all Seniors!

Join fellow seniors for Mass and Gathering **Thursday, February 7th** for the 9 a.m. Mass with a Special Blessing followed by light refreshments and gathering at McManus Parish Center.

BE "INFORMED" FOR FEBRUARY

We hope you are enjoying the free parish subscription to www.formed.org.

Not on formed yet? Go to saintbartparish.formed.org. Click Register, then enter your name, e-mail address and desired password. You are now registered to enjoy the free parish subscription which gives you 24/7 access to over 300 quality catholic on line programs, 99+ movies, 101+ audios, and 98+ E-books. February 8th is the Memorial of St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin. Watch: *Bakhita: From Slave to Saint* or listen to: *Saved in Hope*.

Please note that if any ministry or committee is using the school building for a meeting or function, be sure that all gym and hallway lights are turned off and doors are locked (check doors from the outside upon leaving). The only light that remains on is the light in the small vestibule near the elevator. Thank you!!



The 2019 Mass Book is open with dates available. Consider giving a loved one, or someone (living or deceased) who has a special place in our life, the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. You may have a thanksgiving Mass offered for your loved one or yourself on such occasions as birthday's, wedding anniversaries, etc. Also you may consider offering the Altar Flowers (\$100; or \$125 for roses), Altar Bread and Wine (\$30), Altar Candles (\$10) or the Sanctuary Lamp (\$10) for your intention. Come to the Parish Office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Our food pantry has a need for the following items: pasta sauce and rice. Please keep this in mind on your next trip to the supermarket. Thank you for your continuing support!!



PARISH EVENTS
FEBRUARY

Winter Festival Dance: Saturday, February 16th



Tickets Are On Sale
\$20 per adult, \$10 per child (18 and under)
and Family \$40 (includes 2 adults and
children). Come and join us!! See the flyer
in today's bulletin

**Youth Week: February 17th to February
23rd**

For more details, please see Ellen Chimenti



MARCH



Pasta Party:
**Saturday, March 16th after the 5 p.m.
Mass**

In Honor of Vincent J. Campisi
Sponsored by the Holy Name Society



Parish Mission:

Monday, March 18th, Tuesday, March 19th &
Wednesday, March 20th

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 **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.

ARCHDIOCESE FAMILY LIFE INFORMATION

The Longest Married Couple Search is underway. Contact
Joan Brisson in the Family Life Office
at: Joan.Brisson@archny.org or at 646 794-3190 for details.

The Family Life Office will be offering **100 free codes** for
Catholic Couple Checkup to the first 100 married couples
who **register through the month of February**. (The Catholic
Couple Check up online "checkup" is designed to identify the
relationship strengths and growth areas of couples. It is meant
to be an enjoyable and easy way to take a closer look at a
couple's relationship, increase their relationship strengths, and
spark meaningful conversation between them. **Register at:**
www.nyfamilylife.org/MarriageEnrichment/.

On this Friday evening, February 8th, the Family Life Office
will host a **wine and cheese** gathering: **"Unpacking the Mystery
of Marriage"** at St. Joseph's Seminary from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
with special guest speaker, Fr. Matthew Ernest. The cost is \$20
per couple. Assuring fun, fellowship and faith, this evening
gathering of newly married couples (**couples in their first year
of marriage**) will focus on their period of accompaniment as
they discover what it means to fully participate in the mystery
of Marriage. **Register at:** **www.nyfamilylife.org/
MarriageEnrichment/.**



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING
Sunday Collection Update

Amount Needed Weekly	\$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$5,444.50
Balance	- \$1,555.50

*(Envelopes \$4,943.50 , \$501 Online)

Amount Needed for Month of January	\$28,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$21,559.90

**THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR NEXT WEEK,
FEBRUARY 10TH WILL BE IN SUPPORT OF PETER'S
PENCE**

"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 fill out the cards at
the rear of the Church.**



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our
Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Audrey
Falcone, Louis Brusco, Gail Chappory, Anna Bonacci, Deacon
Bob Clemens, Mary De Santis, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro,
Theresa Venturino, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak,
Larry Vandak, Harold Sullivan, Clare Yaskovic, Manuel Obalde,
Jr., Anthony Spinner, and Edison Blanco.

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

SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING
EASY LINK FROM THE PARISH WEBSITE

You can set up separate one time or recurring donations for the different
collections (regular weekly, snow removal, Christmas, etc.) or you may
wish to begin with the regular collections, try it out and when you are
comfortable, you can sign up for the others. Also, know if you set up for
recurring donations, you are in full control and can always change or
cancel at any time. And by donating in this
manner you may get the added benefit of
accumulating additional points or cash on your
credit card while at the same time helping out
the parish. So, give it a try and sign up
today!!!! **Go to: www.saintbartsparish.org
and click on the We Share online giving**



link. (WE SHARE HAS REPLACED PARISH PAY).

February 3, 2019

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

Saturday, February 2 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM George Goresen +

Sunday, February 3, 2019

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Carmine Nicholas Maccia +

10:00 AM Linda & Gene Skelly +

11:30 AM Joseph T. Pasqualoni III +

5:00 PM Antonia Leone +

Monday, February 4

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Antonio Marchetti +

Tuesday, February 5

Saint Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Margaret Alfieri +

Wednesday, February 6

Saint Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

7 00AM No Intention

9:00 AM Rose Marie Yannicelli +

Thursday, February 7

Weekday

7 00AM No Intention

9:00 AM Michael Schiavo +

Friday, February 8

Weekday

7 00AM Joseph Chimenti (Living)

9:00 AM Robert & Lillian Kurtz +

Saturday, February 9

Weekday

9:00 AM Santiago Manaces Fernandez +

Saturday, February 9 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Ralph Verderosa +

Sunday, February 10, 2019

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Dec. Mem. Of Holy Name and Rosary Altar Societies

10:00 AM Mary & Albert Gregorio +

11:30 AM Joseph T. Pasqualoni III +

5:00 PM Felix Vazquez & Jose Romero +

February 3, 2019

**ST. BLASE BISHOP AND MARTYR
FEBRUARY 3RD**

We know more about the devotion to Saint Blase by Christians around the world that we know about the saint himself. His feast is observed as a holy day in the Eastern Church. The Council of Oxford, in 1222, prohibited servile labor in England on Blase's feast day. The Germans and Slavs hold him in special honor and for decades many United States Catholics have sought the annual Saint Blasé blessing for their throats.



We know that Bishop Blasé was martyred in his episcopal city of Sebastea, Armenia, in 316. the legendary Acts of Saint Blasé were written four hundred years later. According to them, Blase was a good bishop, working hard to encourage the spiritual and physical health of his people. Although the Edict of Toleration (311), granting freedom of worship in the Roman Empire, was

already five years old, the persecution still raged in Armenia. Blase was apparently forced to flee to the back country. There he lived as a hermit in solitude and prayer, but made friends with the wild animals. One day a group of hunters seeking wild animals for the amphitheater stumbled upon Blase's cave. They were first surprised and then frightened. The bishop was kneeling in prayer surrounded by patiently waiting wolves, lions and bears.

As the hunters hauled Blase off to prison, the legend has it, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blase's command the child was able to cough up the bone.

Agricolaus, governor of Cappadocia, tried to persuade Blase to sacrifice to pagan idols. The first time Blase refused, he was beaten. The next time he was suspended from a tree and his flesh torn with iron combs or rakes. (English wool combers, who used similar iron combs, took Blase as their patron. They could easily appreciate the agony the saint underwent). Finally he was beheaded.

COMMENT: Four centuries give ample opportunity for fiction to creep in with fact. Who can be sure how accurate Blase's biographer was? But biographical details were not essential. Blase is seen as one more example of the power those have who give themselves entirely to Jesus. As Jesus told His apostles at the Last Supper, "If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you" (John 15:7). With faith we can follow the lead of the church in asking for Blase's protection.

QUOTE: "Through the intercession of Saint Blase, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit (Blessing of Saint Blase).

From Saints of the Day