

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. Co-Presidents, Carolyn Mesler, Frances Raffa

Bereavement Ministry: For information call (914) 965-0566, Tina Falcone

Trustees: Catherine Hickey, Aureo Pinto



PRIESTHOOD Sunday

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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.

REFLECTION ON TODAY'S GOSPEL: TWO SIDES OF SAME COIN

We've often been faced with the question or dilemma of the fate of those who don't believe in God, but whose actions evidence their love for their neighbors. What we don't hear or worry about as often is the fate of those who profess their belief and love of God, but whose actions evidence their lack of love for their neighbors. To separate these two great commandments, consciously or unconsciously, is indeed a tragedy and goes contrary to the Gospel. Yet it happens so very often. Jesus invites us once again to examine our conscience and be sure that we're not guilty of either of the above. If so, let's then heed the warning: "If today you listen to his voice, harden not your hearts ..." (Hebrews 3:15).

RECTORY BASEMENT

The basement houses our food pantry, among other things. Thanks again to our Holy Name men who helped to clean it out sometime ago and haul away lots of junks. There was a city approved plan as far back as 1992 to turn it into a multi purpose space, including a conference room, but it never materialized. Another suggestion came up to turn the outer garage into a chapel. Considering the cost and other logistics we left this option behind.

However, each time I go down there, I think of what needs to be done, and that we can't postpone it indefinitely. Some parishioners continue to express concern about the food pantry there and others have suggested that we really need to do something about the place.

It costs much to renovate a basement space. But I think we can work out something that could get it done and wont cost much to the parish. I've been speaking with parishioners that have renovated their basements or houses themselves; and they are willing to donate their time. Luckily, one of our parishioners, Maggie DiPaolo, does renovation works. She has volunteered to lend her expertise.

The Finance Council will meet this coming week on Tuesday and will review the overall plan. We'll keep you posted.

MSP NEW UPDATES

Installation of New Regional Council

When we went down to Houston in April we elected a new regional council. Fr. Desmond Ohankwere and his team finished their term in September. The new regional council was installed on the 4th of this month. They are:

Very Rev. George Okeahialam, MSP (Regional Superior)

Very Rev. Felix Ilesanmi Osasona, MSP (Vice Regional Superior)

Very Rev. Evaristus Chukwu, MSP (Regional Bursar)

You know Fr. Felix already. Please keep them in your prayers. Once they settle down, they will be looking into sending us an associate pastor. But first, the Central Administration in Nigeria will have to assign more guys to the US Region.

Death In MSP Family

As we lament that we don't have enough priests and await new priests to be assigned to the US Region, we got a bad news from Nigeria this past week. One of our newly ordained priests died in an auto accident. Rev. Stephen Christopher Ganga was ordained just this past June – barely 5 months. He was working in a rural diocese in Nigeria and was just returning from the Silver Jubilee celebration for the class of 1989 MSP priests. Most of our deceased priests died in auto accidents, and at very young age too. Please keep Fr. Stephen and his family in your prayers. May his soul rest in peace, Amen.

Have a blessed week!

~ Father Raphael Ezech, MSP


PARISH NEWS


THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

This **Saturday, November 1st**, is the Feast of All Saints. On that day we remember the many great Christians who have gone before us, the unsung heroes of outstanding love, dedication, and commitment in life.



The Masses for All Saints Day are:

Saturday, November 1st - 9 a.m. and 12 noon



The **ALTAR BREAD & WINE** for this week are donated in loving memory of John Del Bene by Eleanore Del Bene.

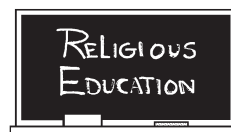
The **SANCTUARY LAMP** for this week is lit for the special intentions of the Sanchez family.



The **ALTAR CANDLES** are lit this week in Thanksgiving by the Pezzola family.

The Rosary Altar Society is running a **Christmas Holiday Day Trip** to the Villa Roma Resort & Conference Center in the Catskills on **Tuesday, December 2nd**. The cost of \$89 includes transportation, lunch, and a Christmas Show. Reservations are required by Monday, November 3rd. Contact Fran Raffa (914 963 -1620) or Mary Anne Romano (914 963-8885).

Please
Join Us



Registration for **Religious Education Classes** for public school children is open. Classes are available for children in Pre-K through High School, including those with Special Education needs. **All Catholic children attending public schools should enroll in a religious education program.** Please call (476-6676) for more information.

ATTENTION DRIVERS: We will be hosting the New York **Defensive Driving Class** in the McManus Parish Center on **Saturday, November 15th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Completion of this course reduces up to 4 points on your driver's license and will lower your auto liability and collision insurance premiums by 10% for 3 years. The cost of this course is \$49. **To enroll, please call Chris Morea on (800) 492-9444 or (718) 824-9698 or contact the Rectory Office on (914) 965-0566.**

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor the priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of priests in the life of the Church. We are encouraged to pray for our Parish priest, Father Raphael, as well as for priests in general. We thank God for their generosity and willingness to serve the Lord.

OCTOBER THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Remember to invite your family and pray the Rosary with them each and every day for these last few days of October. By praying the Rosary you are requesting the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary for the protection of your family and for the faith and strength to accept any hardship you may be encountering in life. Please make a special effort to say the Rosary with your fellow parishioners after the 9 a.m. Masses, at the First Friday and First Saturday Holy Hours, or with your family at home.



The Mass Book for 2015 opened on Ash Wednesday and there are still some dates open in this year's Mass Book, as well. Consider giving a loved one or someone (living or deceased) who has a special place in your life the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. You may have a thanksgiving Mass offered for your loved ones or for yourself on such occasions as birthdays, wedding anniversaries, etc. Also, you may consider during a specific week offering the Altar Flowers, Altar Bread & Wine, Altar Candles, or Sanctuary Lamp for your intention. Come to the Rectory Office, **Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.** to make arrangements or to inquire about the availability of a particular date.

NOVENA MASSES FOR ALL SOULS: Sunday, November 2nd, is All Souls Day. We will have a 9-day novena of Masses for all our departed loved ones. If you would like your loved ones to be remembered at these Masses, kindly fill out the "All Souls" envelope found in your envelope packet or on the tables at the rear of the Church, include your stipend, and drop it in the Collection basket or bring it to the Rectory during the week.



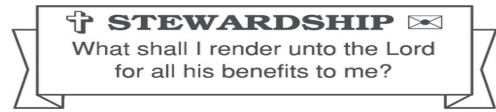
Our Food Pantry will be gearing up for Thanksgiving in November, but for now they are running low on **pasta sauces, macaroni & cheese, and juices.** Please keep this in mind when you see sales on your trips to the supermarket. Thank you for your continuing support!



The **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. There will be a meeting next Sunday, November 2nd. All youths age 13 and up are invited.



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



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

	10/20/13	10/19/14	Difference
Adults	\$5,542.20	\$6,004.85	+\$ 462.65
Children	\$ 195.20	\$ 204.70	+\$ 9.50
Total	\$5,737.40	\$6,209.55	+\$ 472.15

The Collection for the World Missions totaled 1,274.10.

There will be a second collection at all the Masses next Sunday, November 2nd, for the maintenance of our buildings and grounds. Please be as generous as possible.

"REMEMBER YOUR BELOVED PARISH

Remember, "We make a living by what we earn. We make a life by what we share." Please remember our Parish in your Will as a lasting and loving gift to your parish family. Thank you!



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ethel Thomas, Aldina Pereira, Rebecca Conroy, Andy DeFabritis, Maria Marte, 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 Swiatkowitz, 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, Rosemarie Petti, Marie Murtha, Mary Walsh, Natalie Marrero, Richard Meyers, John Palermo, Carlo Gentile, Angelo Gianfrancesco, Vince Delgado, Charles Wighton, Michael Tomanelli, Daniel Pezzola, Steven Colon, and Daniel DeRosa.

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.

HOLY HOUR: This Saturday, November 1st, the Divine Mercy Holy Hour will begin at 3 p.m. All are invited to spare an hour and come to adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist. What a wonderful way to celebrate All Saints Day!



Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 25 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Deceased Members of Laudadio Family

Sunday, October 26

8:30 AM Carl Laredo +

10:00 AM Carol Swetz +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

5:00 PM Anthony Barton +

Monday, October 27

Weekday

7:00 AM Ralph & Mary Criso +

9:00 AM Dave Williams +

Tuesday, October 28

Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles

7:00 AM Dan & Mary McCarthy +

9:00 AM Maria & Cecilia Nguyen +

Wednesday, October 29

Weekday

7:00 AM John DelBene +

9:00 AM Eleanor Hassan (living)

Thursday, October 30

Weekday

7:00 AM Tom & Kathleen Kearney +

9:00 AM Nicola Lalli +

Friday, October 31

Weekday

7:00 AM Nicholas Pezzente +

9:00 AM Deacon Anthony Mercandetti +

Saturday, November 1

All Saints

9:00 AM Luigi & Maria Lucchetti +

12 Noon Deacon Anthony Mercandetti +

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

Saturday, November 1 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Roberto & Pasqua Capuano & Deceased Children

Sunday, November 2

8:30 AM Peter Klee +

10:00 AM 68th Anniversary of Anna & Tommy Brucculeri

11:30 AM Marcello Barcello +

5:00 PM Novena for Our Deceased Loved Ones

OCTOBER 26, 2014

**ALL SAINTS
SOLEMNITY
NOVEMBER 1ST**



The earliest certain observance of a feast in honor of all the saints is an early fourth century commemoration of "all the martyrs." In the early seventh century, after successive waves of invaders plundered the catacombs, Pope Boniface IV gathered up some twenty-eight wagonloads of bones and reinterred them beneath the Pantheon, a Roman temple dedicated to all the gods. The pope rededicated the shrine as a Christian church.

According to Bede, the pope intended "that the memory of all the saints might in the future be honored in the place which had formerly been dedicated to the worship not of gods but of demons" (*On the Calculation of Time*).

But the rededication of the Pantheon, like the earlier commemoration of all the martyrs, occurred in May. Many Eastern Churches still honor all the saints in the spring, either during the Easter season or immediately after Pentecost.

How the Western Church came to celebrate this feast in November is a puzzle to historians. The Anglo-Saxon theologian Alcuin observed the feast on November 1 in 800, as did his friend Arno, bishop of Salzburg. Rome finally adopted that date in the ninth century.

COMMENT: This feast first honored martyrs. Later, when Christians were free to worship according to their conscience, the church acknowledged other paths to sanctity. In the early centuries the only criterion was popular acclaim, even when the bishop's approval became the final step on placing a commemoration on the calendar. The first papal canonization occurred in 993; the lengthy process now required to prove extraordinary sanctity took form in the last five hundred years. Today's feast honors the obscure as well as the famous - the saints each of us has known.

From *Saint of the Day*, edited by Leonard Foley, O.F.M., & Pat McCloskey, O.F.M.

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Join us for an
Evening of Fun

ST. BART'S MOVIE NIGHT

On All Saints Day, next Saturday, November 1st, immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass, there will be a large -screen showing of *The Cross and the Towers* in the McManus Parish Center. It is a 54 minute documentary on the September 11th tragedy. Coffee and tea will be provided; and our Youth Group will be selling finger-food nibbles.