

# St. Bartholomew's Church



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Rectory/Parish Office : (914) 965-0566  
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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

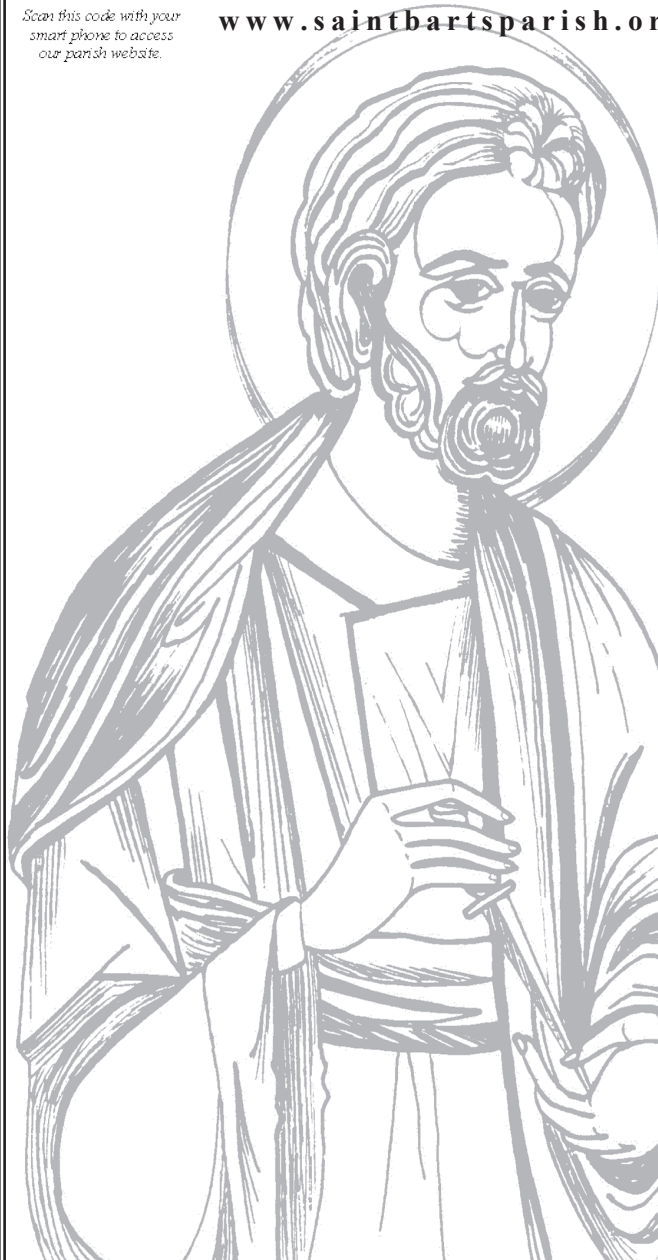
*Holy Name Society:* Meets on the Monday evening after the second Sunday of the month. President, Dan Panik

*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

*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.



**WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS,  
THERE ALSO WILL YOUR HEART BE**

This quote from Mt 6:21 sums up Jesus' message in the gospel today (Mt 13:44-52). It is amazing how we can deduce when someone is telling the truth and when they are lying, simply by observing the consistency or inconsistency between their verbal and body languages. Often, the one lying may even believe that he/she had fooled the other.

Back to the readings, indeed wherever our treasure is, there also will our heart be. It is what it is! Whatever commands most of my attention, no matter what I may say to the contrary, shouts that my heart rests there. Wherever my hard earned money goes into, no matter what I say to the contrary, is where my heart lies. Whatever things and activities take most of my time, no matter what I want others to believe, show where my heart is. Whoever are the most important people in my life are where my treasure is. In the midst of all these, the position I've given to God and the Church in my life and family shows where my treasure is, no matter what I say to the contrary. It's like the mirror on the wall, it shows reality and will never lie.

What is your treasure? Where is your heart? This week, let's find some time to figure out where our treasure really is. I know we all think we know where it is, but it won't hurt to take time out and really be sure; just so we don't end up empty handed.

"My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that hold no water at all" (Jeremiah 2:13).

**Have a blessed week!**

~ **Father Raphael Ezech, MSP**

**PARISH CELEBRATION**

Our parish is planning a block party for Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 6 - 10 p.m. to celebrate the **Feast of St. Bartholomew**. **Besides attending**, we are asking for your help with this celebration by providing money donations toward the cost of food and drink. Our Social Ministry Committee is organizing the shopping and volunteers for this event. Below you'll find our shopping list and "rounded off" cost of the items.

- ◆ 10 packages of Hot Dogs at \$16 each
- ◆ 5 packages of Hamburgers at \$29 each
- ◆ 6 packages of Hot Dog Rolls at \$12 each
- ◆ 5 packages of Hamburger Rolls at \$13 each
- ◆ 10 cases of Water at \$10 each
- ◆ 4 cases of Potato Chips at \$12 each

You can donate all or a portion of the categories listed above. Please place your donation in an envelop marked with your family name and the item(s) you are sponsoring. Donations can be given to Father Raphael, the Rectory Office, or dropped in the collection basket next weekend.

**Please mark your calendar now and plan on being part of this celebration of our Parish Patron, St. Bartholomew!! Hope to see you on Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>!!**

**PARISH NEWS**

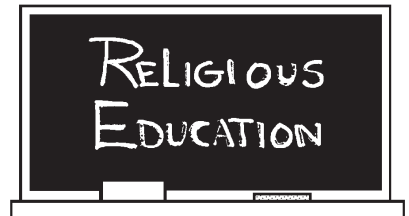
**HOLY HOUR:** This Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, is First Friday. We will have Adoration from 8 - 9 a.m. and our monthly Holy Hour at 1 p.m. On Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Divine Mercy Holy Hour will begin at 3 p.m. All are invited to spare an hour and come to adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist.



**OUR FAMILY MASS:** Next Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will celebrate our Family Mass at 10 a.m. All children and their families are encouraged to attend. Mass will be followed by "Family Breakfast" at the McManus Parish Center. All are welcome.

**FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

**Registration** for Religious Education classes for public school children, running September through June, is **open**. Classes are available for children in 1<sup>st</sup> grade through High School senior year, including those with Special Education needs. Classes are available to prepare children of all ages for the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation, regardless of any lack of previous instruction. **All Catholic children attending public schools should enroll in a religious education program.** Please call (914 476-6676) for more information.



If you or someone you know need information on the Catholic Faith or have not been confirmed, please call the Religious Education Office (914 476-6676) for information on the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.) in our parish.

*As you plan and enjoy your summer and vacations, please do not forget your financial obligations to our Parish. God bless and keep you all!*

**OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES**

Little Johnny had the flu and wasn't able to attend the Palm Sunday church service with his family. When they returned home from the service, they were carrying palm branches. "What are those?" Little Johnny asked his mother.

"People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by," his mother explained.

"Well doesn't that just figure," grumbled Little Johnny. "The one time I can't go to church, and Jesus shows up!"

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field* Find the treasure hidden in your spouse on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information, call toll free (877) 697-9963, ext. 3 or visit [www.wvme.org](http://www.wvme.org).

Worldwide Marriage Encounter's mission of renewal in the Church and change in the world is to assist couples and priests to live fully intimate and responsible relationships by providing them with a Catholic "experience" and ongoing community support for such a lifestyle.

### Catholic Charities Helps Families Apply for SNAP

**NEED FOOD?** Catholic Charities provides nutritional outreach and application assistance to Westchester and Putnam residence for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly known as food stamps). Staff will help individuals determine if they are eligible in a free confidential prescreening, help fill out on-line applications and assist in gathering supporting documentation to be submitted to their local department of Social Services. Services are offered in English and Spanish. For further information please contact the local office at 914 476-2700 or email to [amarilis.hidalgo@archny.org](mailto:amarilis.hidalgo@archny.org). In this tough economic climate, help may be available.

**CREMAINS:** A frequent question to priests seems to be: "What do I do with the cremains of a deceased loved one?" This question often surfaces after an extended period marking the death of the loved one.

The Committee on the Liturgy of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops reminds us "The remains of cremated bodies should be entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium; they may also be buried in a common grave in a cemetery. The practices of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground or keeping cremated remains in the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires."



Our Youth Group will meet next Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass. As a fund raiser, they are holding a Bake Sale after all the Masses on Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, while supplies last.

**ADOPTION OPPORTUNITY:** Children in China need homes. More boys available than girls from age two and up. Older parents and single women are welcomed. For more information call Barbara Salvesen on (845) 623-5277.

**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.

† 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*

	7/21/13	7/20/14	Difference
Adults	\$5,481.00	\$5,104.05	-\$ 376.95
Children	\$ 20.00	\$ 23.00	+\$ 3.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,501.00</b>	<b>\$5,127.05</b>	<b>-\$ 373.95</b>

The second collection for the Propagation of the Faith in support of Father Paul Tumelo and the Salesian Missions totaled \$1,711.70.

*There will be a second collection next weekend at all the Masses for the maintenance of our buildings and grounds. Please be as generous as your means allow.*

**"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 Swiatkovicz, 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, Mary Walsh, Natalie Marrero, and Richard Meyers.

### 2015 MASS BOOK IS OPEN

The Mass Book for 2015 opened on Ash Wednesday and there are still many 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 offering the altar flowers, altar bread and 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.

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Mass  for the  
Intentions Week

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, July 26 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Gene DelBene +

**Sunday, July 27**

8:30 AM Martin Magzag, Jr. +

10:00 AM Rose & Charles Boehm +

11:30 AM Deceased Members of Terrusa Family

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

**Monday, July 28**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Anne Marie & Francis Byrnes & McCullough Children+

9:00 AM Anna Baumeister +

**Tuesday, July 29**

**Saint Martha**

7:00 AM Martha Cianfaglione +

9:00 AM Louise Bolduc (living)

**Wednesday, July 30**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Dominic Nguyen +

9:00 AM Nicola Lalli +

**Thursday, July 31**

**Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest**

7:00 AM Blessings for Marchetti Children (living)

9:00 AM Kevin Washington +

**Friday, August 1**

**Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the  
Church**

7:00 AM Dominic Nguyen +

9:00 AM Sylvia & Carmine DiMarcello +

**Saturday, August 2**

**Weekday**

9:00 AM Riva Pellegrini +

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**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, August 2 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

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**Sunday, August 3**

8:30 AM Joanne DiPaolo Moscarello +

10:00 AM Joseph & Mary Prior +

11:30 AM Frank & Carmela Legio +

5:00 PM Radames Blanco +



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## MARTHA

### JULY 29<sup>TH</sup>



Martha, Mary and their brother Lazarus were evidently close friends of Jesus. He came to their home simply as a welcomed guest, rather than as one celebrating the conversion of a sinner like Zacchaeus or one unceremoniously received by a suspicious Pharisee. The sisters

feel free to call on Jesus at their brother's death, even though a return to Judea at that time seems almost certain death.

No doubt Martha was an active sort of person. On one occasion (see Luke 10:38-42) she prepares the meal for Jesus and possibly His fellow guests and forthrightly states the obvious: All hands should pitch in to help with the dinner.

Yet, as Father John McKenzie points out, she need not be rated as an "unrecollected activist." The evangelist is emphasizing what our Lord said on several occasions about the primacy of the spiritual: "...[D]o not worry about your life, what you will eat [or drink], or about your body, what you will wear ... But seek first the kingdom [of God] and His righteousness..." (Matthew 6:25b, 33a); "One does not live by bread alone" (Luke 4:4b); "Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness ..." (Matthew 5:6a).

Martha's great glory is her simple and strong statement of faith in Jesus after her brother's death. "Jesus told her, 'I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in Me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to Him, 'Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that You are the Messiah, the Son of God, the One Who is coming into the world'" (John 11:25-27).

**COMMENT:** Scripture commentators point out that in writing his account of the raising of Lazarus, Saint John intends that we should see Martha's words to Mary before the resurrection of Lazarus as a summons that every Christian must obey. In her saying "The teacher is here and is asking for you," Jesus is calling every one of us to resurrection - now in baptismal faith, forever in sharing His victory over death. And all of us, as well as these three friends, are in our own unique way called to special friendship with Him.

**QUOTE:** "Even in this life the Spirit transforms us .... When Moses turned towards the Lord, his face shone in the reflection of God: when the believer turns towards the Lord Jesus and contemplates His glorious face, he is transformed into an ever brighter image of that same glory. And this irradiating power which transforms us into beings of light only comes from Christ because He Himself is wholly penetrated by that Spirit" (Durrwell, *the Resurrection*).

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