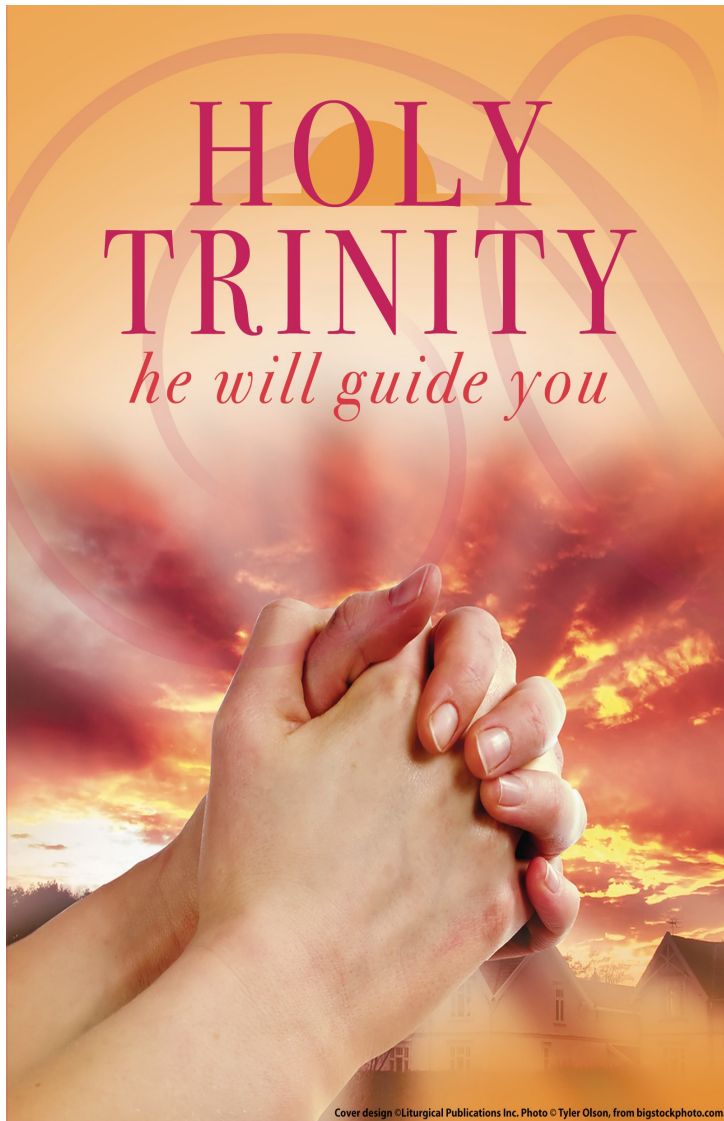


# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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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

## OF ORDER, CHAOS AND MYSTERY

*Our God is an awesome God  
He reigns from heaven above  
With wisdom, power, and love  
Our God is an awesome God*

That's the lyrics of the beautiful song from Rich Mullins that hit the air-waves some years back. Our God is indeed an awesome God. Our God is an awe inspiring God. Our God is full of mystery. And today, we **celebrate** one of such mysteries: The Holy Trinity. Notice that the action verb is celebrate! Not a question nor explain nor figure out nor puzzle, but celebrate!



Well, it sounds simple enough to be taken for granted. However, we should know that it takes faith, active faith, to simply celebrate the Holy Trinity. For many it is a puzzle that needs to be figured out, explained, understood and then believed in. Thus, in the meantime, it is a stumbling block. We can see how this is possible – we are an age when almost any information is at the tip of our fingertips. Whatever answers we want, we get it, almost. So, having been spoiled, what we cannot explain, we dismiss with a wave of a hand and refuse to give an account.

I actually wrote this reflection for last year (2017) Trinity Sunday. I realized that it is still very true today and decided to use it again. A few months ago, I watched a video of a Moslem cleric debating this topic of Holy Trinity with a Christian cleric. Sadly, the Christian cleric was unable to match the other's astute presentation and logic. Not that the Christian cleric could explain the Holy Trinity, but in situations like that, you just have to dwell with the core reality – it's a mystery we Christians don't understand and cannot fully explain it. Nor do we really need to explain. For us it an article of faith. And faith is a gift from God which helps us to believe revealed truth, especially those we may not understand.



So, for those who believe, for those who still cherish and celebrate mysteries and the mysterious, we celebrate our God, the Holy Trinity, three Persons in One Godhead! From this celebration, we move into the rest of the everyday, simple mysteries of life. Some of them we celebrate – the conception and birth of new child, the arrays of colors from the late evening sunset, the beauty of the flowers, the miracles of our modern day medicine, etc. Some of them we simply acknowledge and let be – sickness, death, life on the other side, etc.

When we lose sight of, and even dismiss the mysterious, we end up where we are today as a society. We relegate God to the background. We dismiss, change or deny realities we don't understand or agree with. We live in the here and now. It becomes all about what we can see and touch and feel. We become materialistic, and utilitarian. We lose sense of who are and who we are called to be. We lose sense of where we come from and where we are going. In essence, our very anchor is let loose, and like an unanchored ship, we float aimlessly over this ocean of life. And of course, the wind will definitely deal with us, not to talk of the storms. What these didn't finish off, the hurricanes and cyclones will complete.

On this The Most Holy Trinity Sunday, join us to simply celebrate the Holy Trinity – the Three Persons in One God! Let the unbelievers worry about explaining God. And maybe one day they'll see the fruits of our faith, our joy, our enthusiasm, and how these beliefs energize and drive us, and hopefully long to feel what we feel, enjoy what we enjoy, and be saved by our Mysterious God. Amen.

*Fr. Raphael*

# PARISH NEWS



This Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, is Memorial Day, a legal holiday. The Parish Office will be closed and there is only one Mass at 9 a.m.

The **ALTAR FLOWERS, and BREAD AND WINE**, are donated by the Rosary Altar Society in loving memory of the following deceased veterans: Bonaventure Amato, Fiore Brusco, John Brusco, Gabriel Nanoia, Alfred Como John Raffa, Sr., John Raffa, Jr., Daniel Talone, Orlando Romano, Jerry Pisacreta, John Laudadio, Louis Loscalzo, Robert Liddell, Margaret Liddell, Harold Smith, Robert Smith, Edward Smith, Benjamin Pelliccio, Carmine Davi, Daniel De Rosa, John Di Rodio, Robert Howley, Sr., Richard Frischman, Joseph Frischman, Frances Romano, Carmine Manno, Gene Del Bene, Louis Martelli, Frank Fayden, and Anthony Giuriceo.



## FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES:



Religious Education

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.



**HOLY HOUR:** This Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, is First Friday. We will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. with our regular monthly Holy Hour at 1 p.m. On Saturday, June 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.

## TAG SALE

**We need volunteers for the tag sale this coming Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.** We need help setting up beginning this Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup> and the day of the tag sale, Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are asking for some able bodied men during these days especially for table set up and also on Saturday at 3 p.m. **Also donations are needed. We have begun to take donations since Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> until Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.** All donated items should be in fairly good condition and working. Please no books or stuffed animals. TV's are accepted only if they are flat screen TV's. Jewelry, kitchen items, clothes in good condition, baby items such as strollers, high chairs, play pens, etc. are among the items that are particularly attractive to buyers. **For further information, please call Cheryl at 914-476-6676.**

**UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

**JUNE EVENTS**

**TAG SALE**

This Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**RAIN OR SHINE, GREAT ITEMS!!**



**COMMUNION BREAKFAST**

Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> after the 10 a.m. Mass

**MONSIGNOR KENNEDY  
 ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY  
 CELEBRATION**

Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, beginning with the 5 p.m. Mass, followed by a reception in McManus Parish Center. Please sign up after each of the Masses.

**CELEBRATION FOR COUPLES CELEBRATING  
 THEIR 25<sup>TH</sup> & 50<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m. Mass and Reception After

**HEALING MASS**

Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

**FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST**

Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup> after the 8:30 and 10 a.m. Masses

**MOVIE THURSDAY**

Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup> after the 9 a.m. Mass

**PHOTOGRAPHY SESSIONS FOR PARISH DIRECTORY**

Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> (2-9 p.m.) and Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> (9-4 p.m.)

**PARISH PICNIC**

Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> sponsored by the Holy Name Society

**Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass, Sunday, June 3, 2018 at 2:15 p.m. At Saint Patrick's Cathedral**



His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Celebrant  
 The Golden Jubilee mass is for couples celebrating 50 years of marriage during 2018.

All those who wish to attend must contact the Parish Office to register.

Pews will be reserved for Golden Jubilee couples. Additional guests will be accommodated in pews outside of the reserved section.

All Golden Jubilee couples will receive a special commemorative certificate. Couples who are unable to attend the Mass can request a certificate through their parish.

**Wedding Jubilee Mass and Celebration at St. Bart's**

St. Bartholomew's couples who are celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary anytime this year (2018) are invited to attend the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 10, 2018. They will be blessed and honored during the Mass which will be followed by a Reception in the McManus Paris Center. **Please call the Parish Office, no later than next Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup> to register** your participation and tell us how many guests you might be expecting at the Reception.



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

Amount Needed Weekly	\$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$5,090.80
Balance	- <b>\$1,909.20</b>
*(Envelopes \$5090.80)	
Amount Needed for Month of May	\$28,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	<b>\$16,703.90</b>

**THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA AND CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS TOTALED: \$958.65**

"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, Anthony Guarente, 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, Mamcu (Candy) Viola and Lou De Muro.

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

Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

May 27, 2018

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Mass  for the  
Intentions *Week*

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

5:00 PM Timothy O'Sullivan +  
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**Sunday, May 27, 2018**

**The Most Holy Trinity Sunday**

8:30 AM Deceased Mem. Of Lucchetti & Capuano families  
10:00 AM Frank Schweizer +  
11:30 AM Rose, Leo & Gloria Savona +  
5:00 PM Linda Wojda Skelly +  
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**Monday, May 28— Memorial Day**

**Weekday**

9:00 AM Deceased Members of Lucchetti & Capuano families

**Tuesday, May 29**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Mary Walsh +  
9:00 AM Margaret T. Maccia +

**Wednesday, May 30**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Juanita Bilbraut +  
9:00 AM Salvatore Darretta +

**Thursday, May 31**

**The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

7:00 AM All Living Priests  
9:00 AM Ruth Sweeney +

**First Friday, June 1**

**Saint Justin, Martyr**

7:00 AM Dina Legio +  
9:00 AM Mary Walsh +

**First Saturday, June 2**

**Weekday**

9:00 AM Maria Loreta Lucchetti +  
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**Saturday, June 2 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Sophia Gogola +  
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**Sunday, June 3, 2018**

**The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ**

8:30 AM Louis & Phyllis Martelli +  
10:00 AM Paulo Muratore +  
11:30 AM Margaret Verderosa+  
5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

**May 27, 2018**

**WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY**

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: \_\_\_\_\_

- I am interested in parish membership.
- am a visitor.
- Change of Address / Telephone Number.
- I am moving out of the Parish.
- I am going to the hospital.
- 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.

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**FATHER'S DAY IS SUNDAY, JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup>**



We will have a 9 day Novena of Masses for all our fathers, living and deceased. The Novena of Masses will begin on Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup> and will end on Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. 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 drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish Office during the week.

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**MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER**



On this **Memorial Day**, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the examples of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and

their lives with Your strength and peace. *Xavier University*