

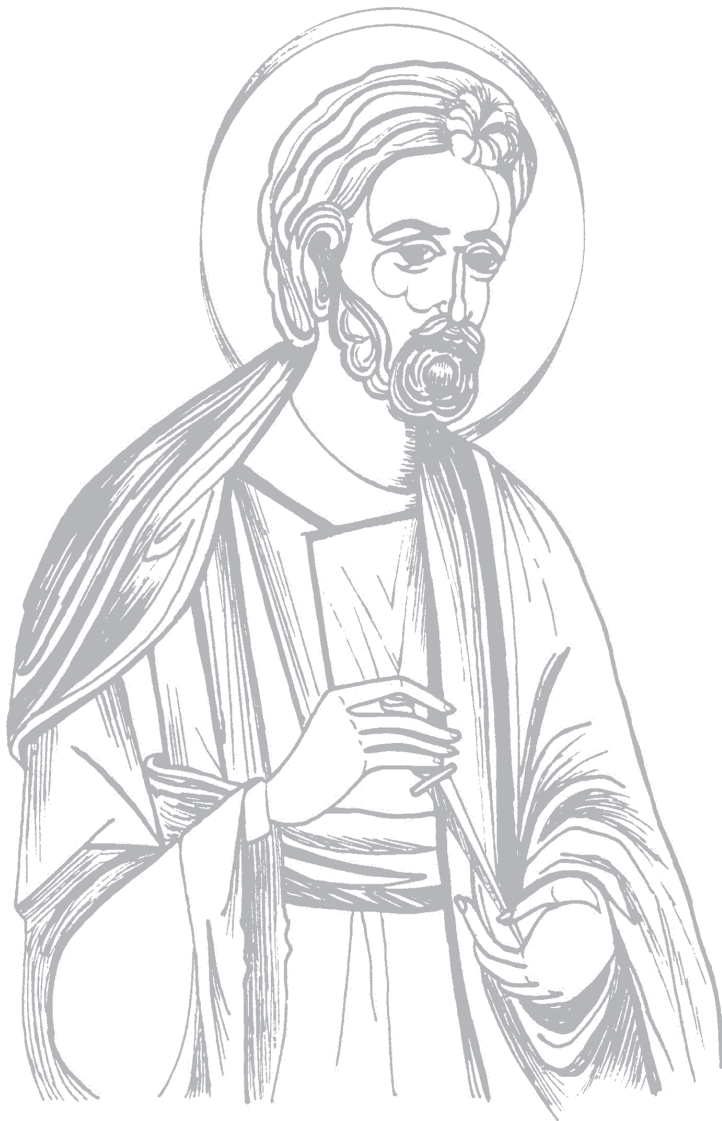
St. Bartholomew's Church



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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 Ezeh, 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: Angela Brusco, Louis Caloia

**If You Can Use Anything Lord,
You Use me Lord!**



I saw a framed picture of the new Tappan Zee Bridge while at St. John's Hospital the other day. The picture was taken in the night and looked simply gorgeous. It's not even completed yet. My mind went back to the bridge as I read the gospel. I once read about a bridge that didn't last as long as it was intended to last because the architects used sub standard or inferior materials in some places. I'm sure that everyone involved in the construction of Tappan Zee Bridge is strictly and seriously supervising and making sure that the very best materials are used. My key word here is **best materials**.

For weeks now, the President Elect (by the time you're reading this, Obama will be history and Trump will have been sworn in as our new President) has been putting together a formidable cabinet team. The other day in the news, one of his closest friends reiterated that the President has put together the finest minds, and that they'll achieve great things in their respective departments. Not to mention that they all seem to be billionaires. Talk of birds of the same feather flocking together. In essence, President Trump has assembled some of the **finest materials** around, so to say.

You know what that means right? It means that you and I have NO hope of making the cabinet list, even if we were to be billionaires. Don't dismiss it by claiming that we're not politicians because Trump has filled his government with people who practically had no political experience, like himself. I personally think it's refreshing, without all the drama and negativity, that is.

So, what sort of material does Jesus need to build his kingdom – in a way, his eternal bridge from our world to heaven? What kind of people does he choose for his cabinet? Our gospel today, Matthew 4:12-23, shows that he calls ordinary people. For Jesus, there's no defective material. Not that God makes defective material. We become defective, not by design, but by our very own actions and inactions, even thoughts and words, not to talk of Original Sin.

However, in spite of all our baggage, God can and still uses each of us, flaws and all. We don't need to have any political experience. We don't need to be billionaires or even have a dime to our name. We can be as poor as a church rat. We may not even know how to spell our names. We may have been married ten times or never. We may have cheated, destroyed a life, stolen, gone astray, been dishonest, committed all sorts of sexual immorality, mistreated others – even loved ones, etc. Welcome to the club! The kind Jesus hung with everyday in his days.

I don't know if you have ever heard the song, "If you can use anything Lord, you can use me!" If not, I invite you to find it on the Internet and listen to it this week. Then make a commitment to allow God to use you even more than he's doing right now. He does need all hands, and I mean, all hands on deck – at your home, school, workplace, community, here at Saint Bart's, sports & gym, club, meetings, etc. "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts" (Hebrew 3:15). Amen. Amen.

Blessings and peace.

Fr. Raphael Ezeh

PARISH NEWS



Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially Gerry Monahan.

All Catholic children attending public schools should enroll in a religious education program. Please call (476-6676) for more information. **Religious Education helps to build a strong foundation**

CHILDREN'S MASS: Please make it a point to bring your child to our Children's Mass next Sunday The 10 a.m. Mass will focus on our children. The Parish Children's Choir will sing at the Mass. The children are encouraged to sit with other children at a designated place during the Mass.



ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES: If you or an adult you know has not been Confirmed and would like to explore the possibility, please contact the Religious Education Office at (914) 476-6676.



REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES, LIVING AND DEAD
The Mass Book for 2017 is open and has some availability. Consider giving a loved one the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. or you may consider offering the Altar flowers, Altar bread and wine, Altar candles, or lighting the Sanctuary lamp for a week for your intention. Come to the Parish Office, **Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** to make arrangements or to inquire about date availability.



BIBLE STUDIES is held every Thursday in the school building. The next meeting will be on Thursday, January 26th. Bring a friend! Come and have fun exploring the Bible.

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Dear Lord,
Now more than ever,
Your Church is fragmented throughout the world.
In our search for You
We have divided ourselves
Rather than seeking You
As one united people on our pilgrim way.
Help all those who call upon Your name
To show Your light to the world as one family,
One holy nation,
One royal priesthood,
And united as one, holy, catholic and apostolic church. Amen.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TME



Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass, in the school building. Their next meeting is this Sunday, January 22nd. All youths age 13 and up are invited.

YOUTH WEEK WILL BE THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19th.
Stay tuned for further details.

Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @St_Barts_youth.

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.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION: Held the First Saturday of every month at 3 p.m. All are encouraged to participate.

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

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

February 10 - 12

Marianist Family Retreat Center

Cape May, NJ 08212

Call 609 884-3829, Anthony Fucci, Center Director or

www.capemaymarianists.org

This weekend is for young adults (ages 22 - 35, married or single) who wish to examine their personal faith in relation to God, self, coworkers, and others. There will be a time for Eucharist, prayer experiences, faith sharing, social interaction and free time to explore Cape May and Cape May Point.

Cost: \$130 per person, double occupancy, (*Financial Aid available*)

ARCHDIOCESAN CATECHETICAL OFFICE 2017

CALLING ALL CATHOLIC TEACHERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

FELLOWSHIP, INSPIRATION & LUNCH

Saturday, January 28, 2017

9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

\$25.00 per person, Checks payable to Catechetical Center

Mail your check to: 56 Dunston Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10701

Held at Maryknoll Society Center, 55 Ryder Road, Ossining, NY 10562

Any questions, please contact Sr. Zelide M. Ceccagno at 914 965-0490

Or Christina Barreta, at artisanmusician80@msn.com

ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH, LARCHMONT, NY

Bereavement Support Group

January 23 to March 20, 2017

Every Monday from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Contact Sister Muriel at 914 834-1220, ext. 23 or

srmuriel@staugustineny.org

MARCH FOR LIFE

Reserve your seats **NOW** with **St. Joseph' Church** for a pilgrimage to Washington, DC. on **Friday, January 27, 2017!** The fare is **\$50 per adult and \$25 per child (10-17 yrs.)** accompanied by a parent or with signed parental permission. Call **(914) 963-0730** for more information.

Any donation to help with the transportation expenses would be most welcome.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING Sunday Collection Update

Amount Needed Weekly	\$8,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$6,673.20*
Balance	-\$1,326.80
*(Envelopes \$5,349.90+ Online \$305)	

Amount Needed for Month of January	\$40,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$19,419.20

The collection for Catholic Communications and the Catholic University of America totaled \$1,130.55

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!

In lieu of filling out envelopes weekly, please consider signing up for online giving at www.parishpay.com or contact the Parish Office. So far, we have 12 families that have signed up. If you have difficulties signing up, please contact Parish Pay at (866) 727-4741 or call the Parish Office.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Richard Meyers, Rosalie Heit, Andrea Objay, Margaret Maccia, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Charles Wighton, Michael Tomaneli, Ariella Castillo, Gail Chappory, Randolph Castillo, Jr., Deacon Jim Byrne, Gregory Clemens, Florence McCormack, Mary Bryce, Anna Bonacci, William Flower, Efrain Arzola, Henry Joseph, Deacon Bob Clemens, Carolyn Cesta, William Bodack, Joseph Mahoney, Mary De Santis, Leticia Agosto, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Rosalia Guzman, Ann McGarry, Florence B. Swetz, and Daniel Pezzola.

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

Nations shall walk by your light ... We as Catholics must be a light to the world. Spend a weekend growing closer to your spouse and to God and make your marriage/Holy Orders to be a "light" shining brighter than ever. For

more information on Worldwide Marriage Encounter or for upcoming dates, call (877) 697-9963, ext. 3 or go to www.wwme.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.



JANUARY 22, 2017

Mass  *for the*
Intentions *Week*

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, January 21 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Joseph & Lucy Laudadio +

Sunday, January 22

8:30 AM Nicholas & Mary Maccia +

10:00 AM Joe Parisi, Maddalena & Paul Coniglio +

11:30 AM Reverend Anthony Ita Bassey, MSP +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, January 23

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

7:00 AM Reverend Patrick J. Mee +

9:00 AM Jack Gronowski & William Bruder +

Tuesday, January 24

Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM Anna Baumeister +

9:00 AM Carol Swetz +

Wednesday, January 25

Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

7:00 AM Maria Loreta Lucchetti +

9:00 AM Stephen Wirchansky +

Thursday, January 26

Saint Timothy & Titus, Bishops

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM George & Josephine Campbell +

Friday, January 27

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Helen Wirth +

Saturday, January 28

Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church

9:00 AM Robert L. & Lillian Kurtz +

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, January 28 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Margaret Verderosa +

Sunday, January 29

8:30 AM Marie Caloia +

10:00 AM Batac Family (living)

11:30 AM Charles & Evangeline Yaskovic +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

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 complete 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 Rectory. Thank you!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Comment: _____

- ◇ 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.

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Prayer to End Abortion

Lord God, I thank You today for the gift of my life,
And for the lives of all my brothers and sisters.
I know there is nothing that destroys more life than
abortion,
Yet I rejoice that You have conquered death
by the Resurrection of Your Son.
I am ready to do my part in ending abortion.
Today I commit myself
Never to be silent,
Never to be passive,
Never to be forgetful of the unborn.
I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement,
And never to stop defending life
Until all my brothers and sisters are protected,
And our nation once again becomes
A nation with liberty and justice
Not just for some, but for all.