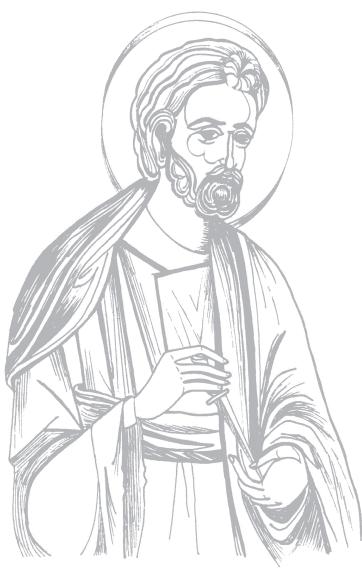
St. Bartholomew's Church

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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

MARY MAGDALENE JULY 22ND

Except for the mother of Jesus, few women are more



honored in the Bible than Mary Magdalene. Yet she could well be the patron of the slandered, since there has been a persistent legend in the Church that she is the unnamed sinful woman who anointed the feet of Jesus in Luke 7:36-50.

Most Scripture scholars today point out that there is no scriptural basis

for confusing the two women. Mary Magdalene, that is, "of Magdala," was the one from whom Christ cast out "seven demons" (Luke 8:2) - an indication, at the worst, of extreme demonic possession or, possibly, severe illness.

Father W.J. Harrington, O.P., writing in the *New Catholic Commentary*, says that "seven demons" "does not mean that Mary had lived an immoral life - a conclusion reached only by means of a mistaken identification with the anonymous woman of Luke 7:36." Father Edward Mally, S.J., writing in the *Jerome Biblical Commentary*, agrees that she "is not ... the same as the sinner of Luke 7:37, despite the later Western romantic tradition about her."

Mary Magdalene was one of the many "who were assisting them [Jesus and the Twelve] out of their means." She was one of those who stood by the cross of Jesus with His mother. And, of all the "official" witnesses that might have been chosen for the first awareness of the Resurrection, she was the one to whom that privilege was given.

COMMENT: Mary Magdalene has been smiling at her "mistaken identity" for over twenty centuries. Yet she would no doubt insist that it makes no difference. We are all sinners in need of the saving power of God, whether our sins have been lurid or not. More importantly, we are all, with her, "unofficial" witnesses of the Resurrection.

STORY: Today's Gospel (John 20:1-2, 11-18) shows Mary at first not recognizing the risen Jesus in the garden, then knowing Him as He spoke her name. Her great love bursts forth, echoing the first reading, "I took hold of Him and would not let Him go" (Song 3:4b). Jesus says, "Stop holding on to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father" (John 20:17a). The meaning probably is that there is an entirely new relationship now - a much deeper one, resting in faith rather than the former relationship that was possible because of His visible body. Saint John may also be stressing the fact that Jesus' exaltation at the right hand of the Father is the completion of the Resurrection.

At first, the apostles did not believe Mary. Christ's followers, even today, meet disbelief in their witness to the Resurrection.

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





The **SANCTUARY LAMP** is lit in loving memory of Maryann Tolli by Victor Serrichio.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, Rest in Peace especially Viola Trani.

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES



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. Besides

grade level classes, instruction prepares children for Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation. Call Cheryl Duda (476-6676) for information.

WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC OR LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Do you recognize yourself in any of these statements?

- ♦ I have never been baptized and want to learn more about the Catholic faith.
- ♦ I was baptized in another Christian religion and now wish to become Catholic.
- I was baptized Catholic, but have not received any other sacraments and little if any religious instruction.
- I am married to a Catholic and attend Mass and would like to receive the Sacraments.

To learn more call Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676.

2017 MASS BOOK IS OPEN

The Mass Book for 2017 opened on Ash Wednesday and there are still 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. – 4:30 p.m. to make arrangements or to inquire about the availability of a particular date.

Plants In Honor of Fr. Anthony Bassey

There are still 2 items available, emerald green arborvitae (5) and winter gem boxwoods (3). Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

A plaque will be erected in appreciation to all donors.

Save the Dates for the following Parish Events

Saturday, August 6th is Fr. Raphael's 50th Birthday celebration, a Pot Luck Dinner! It will begin after the 5 p.m. Mass. Please bring your favorite dish or make a small donation, **NO DESERTS NEEDED**. Sign up sheets are in the back of the church. Please join us for a fun filled evening.

Saturday, August 27th The Feast of St. Bartholomew Block Party from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

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.

EUCHARISTIC 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.

Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month after the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. All youths age 13 and up are invited. Their next meeting is Sunday, July 24th.

Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ St Barts youth.

SOCIAL MINISTRY: Our Food Pantry has an ongoing need for canned fruit, juices, pasta sauces kidney or

black beans, peanut butter, jelly, sugar and rice. The food pantry services our community all year long. Thank you for your continuing support!!



The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers will hold its next meeting on Thursday, July 21st at 1 p.m. at St. Ann's Church, Fr. Anthony Hall, 31 College Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10704. New members are welcome. For more information, please call 914 243-5331

The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers will hold its annual Communion Breakfast on Sunday, September 25th Mass will be at St. Ann's Church, 31 College Place, Yonkers, New York at 10 a.m. Breakfast will immediately follow at the Fairways at Dunwoodie Golf Course. Cost is \$23.00 per person. All are welcome. For more information, please call 914 423-5331.

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!



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

	7/12/15	7/10/16	Difference	
Adults	\$5,197.25	\$4,467.80	- \$	729.45
Children	\$ 24.25	\$ 52.10	+\$	27.85
Total	\$5,221.50	\$4,519.90	- \$	701.60

The Second Collection for Pastoral Solidarity for the Church in Africa totaled \$1,028.50.

"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 use the forms at the rear of the church. Thus far, we have 8 families that have signed up.

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

APPROPRIATE DRESS IN CHURCH:

The Church is the House of God. When we enter, we are setting our feet on Holy Ground. For this reason, the way we dress for Church should reflect the reverence we have for this sacred space where the Lord dwells. It is simply not proper to enter the Church with clothing that is not modest or appropriate. It is with this in mind that we acknowledge that some kinds of dress, while comfortable, may not be appropriate for Church.

CELL PHONE ALERT

As you join us for sacred worship, we remind you to please TURN OFF your cell phone. Let your focus be on Prayer and the Presence of Jesus among us.



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, July 16 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Marion De Muro +

Sunday, July 17

8:30 AM Oscar Starkenberg +

10:00 AM Michael & Marianna Di Chiara +

11:30 AM Rose & Gatano Legio & dec. Family Members +

5:00 PM Efren & Arceli Samarita (Living)

Monday, July 18

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention 9:00 AM Mary Fabyonski +

Tuesday, July 19

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention 9:00 AM Joseph Hassan, Sr. +

Wednesday, July 20

Weekday

7:00 AM Reverend James Miara and Family (Living)

9:00 AM Josephine Confalone +

Thursday, July 21

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention 9:00 AM Mary Brewus +

Friday, July 22 Saint Mary Magdalene

7:00 AM Dec. Members of Bolduc & Savard Families

9:00 AM Dominick Sinopoli +

Saturday, July 23

Weekday

9:00 AM Justin & Steven Colon (Living)

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, July 23 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Maryann Tolli +

Sunday, July 24

8:30 AM	Lorenzo Marchionno +		
10:00 AM	Antonio Marchetti +		
11:30 AM	Robert Shannon (Living)		
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5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish



TAKE A CHANCE

St. Bartholomew's Church Scratch off Raffle \$10 per ticket/Win 100 \$5.00 Scratch Off Tickets Winning Ticket will be drawn at the September Family Breakfast Fill out information below and return with your \$10 in the collection basket or to the Parish Office for a chance to win!!!

Name:

Phone Number:

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

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.
- ♦ 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.