# 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

#### BLESSED KATERI TEKAWITHA VIRGIN (1656 — 1680) July 14<sup>th</sup>

The blood of martyrs is the seed of saints. Nine years after the Jesuits Isaac Jogues and John de Brebeuf were tortured to death by Huron and



Iroquois Native American nations, a baby girl was born near the place of their martyrdom, Auriesville, New York. She was to be the first person born in North America to be beatified. Her mother was a Christian Algonquin, taken captive by the Iroquois and given as wife to the chief of the Mohawk clan, the boldest and fiercest of the Five Nations. When she was four, Kateri

lost her parents and little brother in a smallpox epidemic that left her disfigured and half blind. She was adopted by an uncle, who succeeded her father as chief. He hated the coming of the Blackrobes (missionaries), but could do nothing to them because a peace treaty with the French required their presence in villages with Christian captives. She was moved by the words of three Blackrobes who lodged with her uncle, but fear of him kept her from seeking instruction. She refused to marry a Mohawk man and at nineteen finally got the courage to take the step of converting. She was baptized with the name Kateri (Catherine) on Easter Sunday.

Now she would be treated as a slave. Because she would not work on Sunday, she received no food that day. Her life in grace grew rapidly. She told a missionary that she often meditated on the great dignity of being baptized. She was powerfully moved by God's love for human beings and saw the dignity of each of her people. She was always in danger, for her conversion and holy life created great opposition. On the advice of a priest, she stole away one night and began a two-hundredmile walking journey to a Christian Native American village at Sault St. Louis, near Montreal.

For three years she grew in holiness under the direction of a priest and an older Iroquois woman, giving herself totally to God in long hours of prayer, in charity and in strenuous penance. At twenty-three she took a vow of virginity, an unprecedented act for a Native American woman, whose future depended on being married. She found a place in the woods where she could pray an hour a day - and was accused of meeting a man there! Her dedication to virginity was instinctive: She did not know about religious life for women until she visited Montreal. Inspired by this, she and two friends wanted to start a community, but the local priest dissuaded her. She humbly accepted an "ordinary" life. She practiced extremely severe fasting as penance for the conversion of her nation. She died the afternoon before Holy Thursday. Witnesses said that her emaciated face changed color and became like that of a healthy child. The lines of suffering, even the pockmarks, disappeared and the touch of a smile came upon her lips. She was beatified in 1980.

**QUOTE**: Kateri said: "I am not my own; I have given myself to Jesus. He must be my only love. The state of helpless poverty that may befall me if I do not marry does not frighten me. All I need is a little food and a few pieces of clothing. With the work of my hands I shall always earn what is necessary and what is left over I'll give to my relatives and to the poor. If I should become sick and unable to work, then I shall be like the Lord on the cross. He will have mercy on me and help me, I am sure."

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



#### 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.

**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.

#### Plants In Honor of Fr. Anthony Bassey

There are still 2 items available, emerald green arborvitae (7) and winter gem boxwoods (4). 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 6<sup>th</sup>

After the 5 p.m. Mass– Father Raphael's "50th" Birthday Celebration–Pot Luck Dinner. \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>

Feast of St. Bartholomew Block Party from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. More details to follow!!

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.

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Our YOUTH GROUP meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month after the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. All youths

age 13 and up are invited. For the month of July, the Youth Group will be meeting this Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>.

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 FOOD PANTRY you for your continuing support!!

The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers will hold its annual Communion Breakfast on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> 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.



vour marriage. Attend а Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and see the harvest you can reap. For more information, call toll free (877) 697-9963, ext. 3 or visit 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.



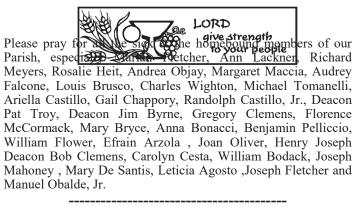
TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING Last Weekend's Contribution Comparison

	7/6/15	7/3/16	Difference
Adults Children <b>Total</b>	\$5,259.15 \$31.50 <b>\$5,290.65</b>	\$5,041.75 \$ 46.10 <b>\$5,087.85</b>	-\$ 217.40 +\$ 14.60 -\$ 202.80

The Second Collection for Building and Grounds totaled \$1.322.25

"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 6 families that have signed up.



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

#### **SUMMERTIME PRAYER** Dear Lord,

Thank you for this summer season. During this time, may we remember The gift of the world You have given us. For while each summer of our lives is different, It is their similarities that bring joyful anticipation. For You, there is no beginning or end, And all things are eternal and at one time. Yet we, who are bound to time, See and learn all things through beginnings and endings. As spring ends and summer begins,

May we see Your reflection in this and every summer. For though You are unchanging and eternal,

There is always more to discover, experience, and learn. Amen.

JULY 10, 2016

Mass 🔂 for the Intentions Week

# Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, July 9 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Christine Bellino +

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#### Sunday, July 10

8:30 AM 10:00 AM	Ethel Castagnozzi + Dennis Madonia +
11:30 AM	For All the People of Our Parish
5:00 PM	Jose Angel Ocasio +

#### Monday, July 11

Saint Benedict, Abbot7:00 AMReverend Michael J. Feeney, OFM +9:00 AMCarrie D'Angelo +

#### Tuesday, July 12

Weekday

7:00 AM	Dominick Nguyen +
9:00 AM	Jason Shannon (Living)

# Wednesday, July 13

Weekday7:00 AMNo Intention9:00 AMJohn Paul Capuano (Living)

#### **Thursday, July 14** Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

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#### Friday, July 15

#### Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:00 AMNo Intention9:00 AMStephen Hickey+

Saturday, July 16

# Weekday

9:00 AM Carmine Nicholas Maccia +

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

5:00 PM Marion De Muro +

#### Sunday, July 17

8:30 AMOscar Starkenberg +10:00 AMMichael & Marianna Di Chiara +11:30 AMRose & Gatano Legio + & dec. members of Legio Family5:00 PMEfren & Arceli Samarita (Living)



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#### 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.
- OPlease send me the Catholic New York.
- ♦ I would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith.