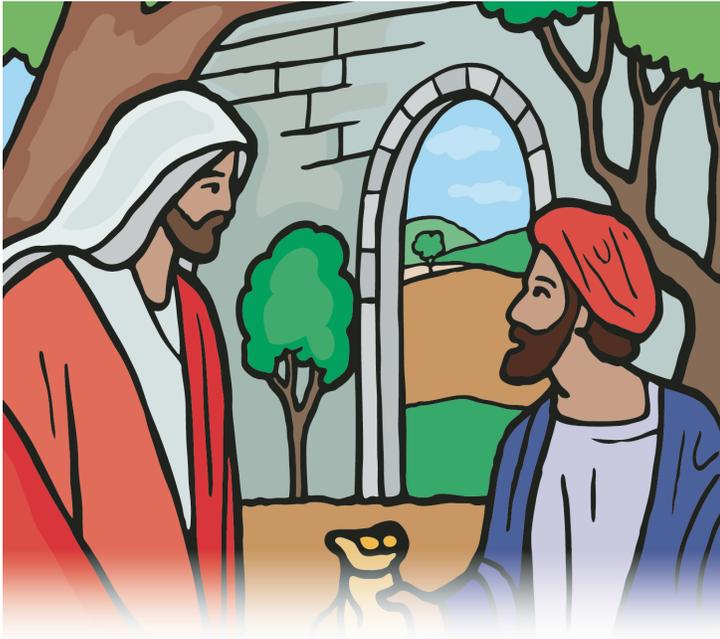


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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord,
"Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give
to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone
I shall repay it four times over." *Lk 19:8*

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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



PARISH NEWS

The ALTAR FLOWERS, ALTAR BREAD AND WINE, ALTAR CANDLES AND SANCTUARY

LAMP are donated by the Rosary Altar Society in loving memory of the following deceased veterans:

Anthony Esposito, Bonaventuro J. Amato, Harold Smith, Edward Smith, Robert Smith, Benjamin Pelliccio, Carmine Davi, Carmine Manno, Fiore Brusco, John Brusco, Gabriel Nanoia, Gene Del Bene, George Salerno, James Salerno, Robert J. Howley, Sr., Jerry Pisacreta, Joseph Laudadio, Andrew T. McCormack, John Raffa, Jr., John Raffa, Sr., Orlando Romano, Daniel Talone, John J. Donaghey, Louis Martelli, Frank Fayden, Richard Frischman, Joseph Frischman, Robert Liddell, Margaret Liddell, Louis Loscalzo, Anthony Giuriceo, Frances J. Romano, Daniel De Rosa and John Di Rodio.



What an indictment of Isreal's priests Malachi presents, condemning both their personal lifestyle and their failure to care for God's people! Bad enough that they "turned aside from the way, and...made void the covenant" (2:8). The ripple effect on the community's spiritual life is worse: You "have caused many to falter by your instruction" (2:8). Our every action has an effect, positive or negative, on the whole community: "Have we not all the one father? Has not the one God created us?" (2:10). Thus, for Malachi, the priests' failures are not only personal violations of "the covenant of our fathers," though they are certainly that, but a very real "break[ing] faith with one another" (2:10).

In Matthew, the priests of Malachi's prophecy have become the scribes and Pharisees of Jesus' time. In the performance of their works, says Jesus, the scribes and Pharisees rely on titles (Rabbi, teacher, father, Master) and trappings (wider phylacteries, longer tassels) to guarantee by custom a respect they no longer command by example. Listening to the Gospel reading now, today's Church needs to hear these hard sayings of Jesus with a humility that does not let us off the hook. For instance, doesn't Malachi's lament about scandalous failures exposing the community's leaders to contempt hit uncomfortably close to home? Less spectacularly, how many laypeople, hungry for gospel wisdom, Catholic teaching, and the Church's liturgy, have found themselves the captive audience of an egotistic cleric, imposing on them his version of each? It should go without saying that committed laity, no less than the clergy, also need to take today's scriptural critique to heart.

In one of his early "parishes," some two thousand years ago, Paul tried to be as gentle "as a nursing mother," serving "with such affection" that he shared not only "the gospel of God, but our very selves" (1 Thesssalonians 2:7 , 8). Paul strove not to be a burden, indeed to embrace "toil and drudgery," so that the word of God that he preached would right true (2:9). An ideal that all of us—clergy and laity—can take to heart and put into practice.

Question of the Week: When I think about the ministry I undertake in my community of faith, how can I ensure that it always reflects the word of God and not my own agenda?

(Pastoral Patterns, Autumn 2017)

Blessings and Peace, Father Raphael Ezech, M.S.P.

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, November 10th in observance of Veteran's Day (which is November 11th). There will be a 7 am and a 9 am Mass on Friday, November 10th.

The Rite of Acceptance was celebrated last Sunday, October 29th for Lucia Garay, Steven Segarra and Bryanna Rodriguez. Congratulations! Our prayers are with you as you continue your journey.

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We'd also like to congratulate Emily Delgado, Steven Delgado and Alexis Gongora for completing their altar serving training. Thank you for your service to our church.

Thank You to the parents of these kids, for encouraging them and helping them fulfill their obligations.



SOCIAL MINISTRY—Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive

The Social Ministry group is having a special Thanksgiving Food Drive for the weekends of November 5th and November 12th. Please bring to church Thanksgiving appropriate, non-perishable fixings especially canned vegetables, canned sweet potatoes, canned fruit, boxed mashed potatoes, coffee, tea, and juices, etc.

We will be in need of some frozen turkeys, fresh/frozen pies, or fruit, on November 18th and 19th of Thanksgiving week.

Food Drive

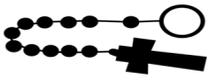


We can only accept pies or turkeys at the lower level of the Rectory before each Mass that Saturday night/Sunday or on Monday morning (November 20th) between 7:30 and 9 a.m. For distribution on Monday morning.

In addition, in coordination with the social ministry group, the Religious Education students will be placing bags at the rear of the church. You can place your donated "Thanksgiving items" in these bags. Thank you for your generosity!!!

NOTE: The pictures for the All Souls Day remembrance will be on the tables for the 9 day Novena of Masses. After that you may pick them up at the Parish office by Thursday November 16th.

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY meeting will be held this Monday, November 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center. All women of the parish are invited.

PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS

FAMILY BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH AND DECEMBER 3RD, AND JANUARY 7TH AFTER THE 8:30, 10:00 AND 11:30 A.M. MASSES

Join us after the three morning Masses for some breakfast and social time with your fellow parishioners.

NEXT MOVIE THURSDAY

Thursday, November 16th Finding St. Anthony, A Story of Loss & Light

DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS BACK AT ST. BART'S

Time is Running Out...to enroll in St Bartholomew's Defensive Driving Class that will be held on Saturday, November 18th from 10 AM to 4 PM in St Bartholomew's School. This course reduces your auto liability and collision insurance premiums by 10% for three years.

The cost if this class is only \$49. To enroll, please call the rectory at 914-965-0566 or Chris Morea at 718- 824-9698. Hurry, seating is limited!

BE "INFORMED" FOR NOVEMBER

We hope you are enjoying the free parish subscription to www.formed.org which gives you access to quality Catholic on line programs, movies, audios, and books. Simply register with parish code YWHDC2 and enjoy. For Election Day Listen to: In God We Trust, Put Not Your Trust in Princes, or read: Remaining in the Truth of Christ. On the 8th we honor Bl. John Duns Scotus. Study: The Bible and The Virgin Mary, Lesson 3: Wedding at Cana, 4: The New Eve or 9: Full of Grace. You can also watch the movie, Blessed Duns Scotus. (For further info call Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676).

LOCAL EVENTS

Knights of Columbus- Fundraising Dinner, to Benefit St. Joseph's Seminary on Monday, November 13th, at 6:30 pm Dinner, \$40 per person. For more information, contact Chris Cohen at 914 813-3025. See the flyers at the back of the church.

NIGHTFEVER NYC is coming back to St. Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday, November 18th

On this night Nightfever NYC will be hosting a night of praise, worship and reconciliation at Saint Patrick's Cathedral. All will have the opportunity to pray before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament as well as light candles to honor Our Lord. The evening of music and prayer will start at 7 pm and end at 9 pm. Confessions will be heard throughout the night. Come and be a part of this night, where the Cathedral will have its doors open to all New Yorkers, so that they can come, pray and love the Lord. For more information, e mail nightfevernyc@gmail.com

Sacred Heart High School presents: "LEND ME A TENOR"

Fri. Nov. 10 & Sat. Nov. 11 @ 7pm & Sun. Nov. 12-5pm

Tickets \$10 or \$8 for seniors & students call 965-6953 for info



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING Sunday Collection Update

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows: Amount Needed Weekly (\$7,000.00), Actual Received Last Sunday (\$4,748.55), Balance (- \$2,251.45)

*(Envelopes \$4,748.55, Online (unavailable this week, due to transition of Parish Pay to WeShare (LPI). Will be reported at end of month)).

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows: Amount Needed for Month of October (\$35,000.00), Amount Collected Thus Far (\$23,457.45)

Please note that the online giving program Parish Pay.com is in the process of migrating to LPI's WeShare Service. The transition started on October 9th. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

"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!



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Richard Meyers, Rosalie Heit, Andrea Objay, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Michael Tomanelli, Ariella Castillo, Gail Chappory, Randolph Castillo, Jr., Deacon Jim Byrne, 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, Eileen Fitzpatrick and Cynthia Mascetta King.

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

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 will be this Sunday, November 5th.



Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ St_Barts-Youth.

COLLECTION FOR THE HURRICANE VICTIMS IN PUERTO RICO There will be a collection for food, clothing etc. to aid the hurricane victims in Puerto Rico.

November 5, 2017

Mass Intentions for the Week

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, November 4 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Deceased Members of the Pisacreta Family

Sunday, November 5, 2017

8:30 AM Mary Maddocks+

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM Novena For Our Deceased Loved Ones +

5:00 PM Ramberto Blanco +

Monday, November 6

Weekday

7:00 AM Novena For Our Deceased Loved Ones

9:00 AM Antonio Marchetti +

Tuesday, November 7

Weekday

7:00 AM Novena For Our Deceased Loved Ones

9:00 AM Nicholas Chimenti (Living)

Wednesday, November 8

Weekday

7:00 AM Novena For Our Deceased Loved Ones

9:00 AM Donato Sacchetta +

Thursday, November 9

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

7:00 AM Novena For Our Deceased Loved Ones

9:00 AM Edna Bundzak +

Friday, November 10

Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM Novena For Our Deceased Loved Ones

9:00 AM Dec. Members of Salerno & Del Bene Families

Saturday, November 11—Veteran's Day

Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

9:00 AM Dolores Di Paolo +

Thirtieth Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, November 11 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Mary & Joseph Cuzzo +

Sunday, November 12, 2017

8:30 AM Dolores Di Paolo +

10:00 AM Michael & Loretta Kennedy +

11:30 AM Helen Clemens +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

November 5, 2017

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.

VETERAN'S DAY PRAYER

"God of peace, we pray for those who have served our nation and have laid down their lives to protect and defend our freedom. We pray for those who have fought, whose spirits and bodies are scarred by war, whose nights are haunted by memories too painful for the light of day. We pray for those who serve us now, especially for those in harm's way. Shield them from danger and bring them home. Turn the hearts and minds of our leaders and our enemies to the work of justice and a harvest of peace. Spare the poor, Lord, spare the poor! May the peace you left us, the peace you gave us, be the peace that sustains, the peace that saves us.



*Christ Jesus, hear us!
Lord Jesus, hear our prayer! Amen."*

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