

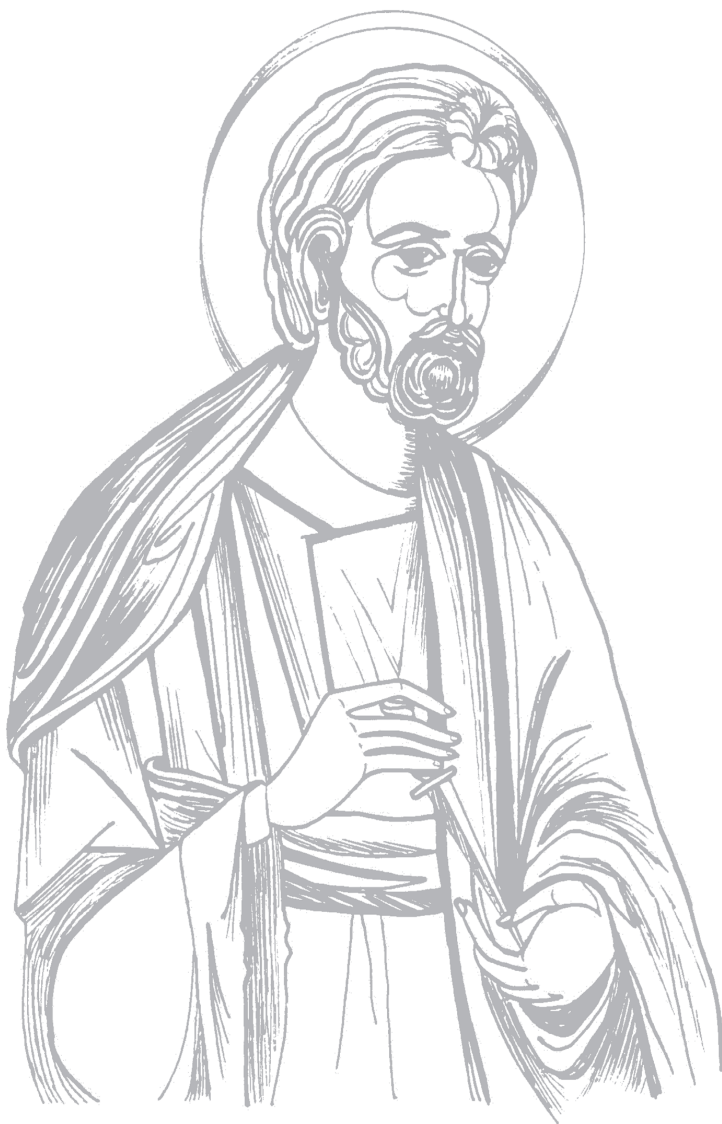
St. Bartholomew's Church



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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

Of Salt & Light

I read this beautiful reflection from a pamphlet (Pastoral Patterns) and thought I'd share that with you this week.

Salt! Can you imagine anything more unremarkable or commonplace than salt? Blending invisibly into food, its presence is unnoticed until absent. Nothing makes us appreciate salt more than French Fries or popcorn without it. That's why salt-free diets aren't called 'bland' for nothing. In Jesus' day, before refrigeration and synthetic preservatives, salt had a function even more important than seasoning: salt preserved food from corruption and served as a purifying agent.



Jesus' second image of discipleship is just the opposite of inconspicuous salt: a mountaintop city, 'the light of the world.' Jesus adds an additional challenge – or is it a preliminary requirement? Be the light of the world, but also, or first, a lamp 'set on a lampstand, giving light to all in the house (Matthew 5:15), that is, to the Church community and our own households.

Nor do today's scriptures let us off the hook by leaving 'light' a vague image. Isaiah's 'hands-on' charity and self-sacrificing service direct our witness outward and inward. Disciples must respond to all in need, sharing bread, sheltering the homeless and oppressed, clothing the naked – beyond but also within the community. "Do not turn your back on your own ... Remove from your midst oppression, false accusation and malicious speech bestow your bread on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted" (Isaiah 58:7, 9-10) within our households or faith communities. Only then will our light shine beyond the Church's boundaries, our concrete deed of practical charity "a demonstration of Spirit and power" (1 Corinthians 2:4), in Paul's words, a witness more credible than any words, however persuasive or sublime they may be. (*Pastoral Patterns, Winter 2016 – 2017*).

Parish Tidbits:

- * We welcome back Fr. Anthony. He said he had a wonderful time at home. We're grateful to God for journey mercies granted to him.
- * Reminder: We now have a Suggestion Box at each church entrance. Let us know what we're doing well and what we could improve.
- * We need donations for our 2017 Sweepstakes, which will be held on Friday, May 12th. More details will be coming.
- * You'll now be receiving a copy of the parish calendar at the beginning of each month. Hopefully that will help us to reduce the number of announcements and help lessen the number of phone calls we get asking for the time for an event.

**Blessings on you and your loved ones.
Blessings and peace.**

Fr. Raphael Ezeh

PARISH NEWS



MEETING: The **Rosary Altar Society** meeting will be held this Monday, February 6th, at **7:30 p.m.** in the McManus Parish Center. All women of the Parish are invited to attend.

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.



Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially Mildred Moscarello and Irene Vigilanti.



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.

OPENING OF THE 2018 MASS BOOK

The Mass Book for 2018 will open on **Ash Wednesday, March 1st**. You may come to the Parish Office immediately following the Masses at 9 a.m. and 12 noon to have Masses offered for yourself and for your loved ones, whether living or deceased.

PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious, or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sister Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1011 ext. 2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 914-861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass, in the school building. **Their meeting this Sunday, February 5th is cancelled.**

YOUTH WEEK WILL BE THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19th.
See the flyer in today's bulletin

Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @St_Barts_youth.

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.

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.

LOCAL EVENTS

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*)

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

HOSPICE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP 2017

Group or Individual Available

Hospice of Westchester

1025 Westchester Avenue, White Plains, NY

914 682-1484

Karen M. Dreher, Ext. 130

Kim Gordon, Ext. 163

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE OF HUDSON VALLEY

A Peer Ministry to widowed, divorced and separated men and women

Healing Weekend from March 31 to April 2

St. Lawrence Retreat Center in Beacon, NY

Open to men and women of all ages who have suffered the loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation.

For information or registration, please call Mary Ann H at 914 962-1112 or Betty at 973 903-3941 or



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING Sunday Collection Update

Amount Needed Weekly	\$8,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$6,615.45*
Balance	-\$1,384.55
*(Envelopes \$6365.45, Online \$250.00)	

Amount Needed for Month of January	\$40,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$34,713.90

The Collection for Snow Removal totaled: \$1,428.65

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!

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 Tomanelli, 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, Daniel Pezzola, Al Dio Dati and Brittany Arzola.

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.

FEBRUARY 5, 2017

Mass  *for the*
Intentions *Week*

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, February 4 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM George Goresen +

Sunday, February 5

8:30 AM Leonore Erb +

10:00 AM Gino & Ann Coniglio +

11:30 AM Josephine Frances Confalone +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, February 6

Saint Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Ed & Rose Bell +

Tuesday, February 7

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Robert & Lillian Kurtz +

Wednesday, February 8

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Joe Chimenti (living)

Thursday, February 9

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Stephen Fecko +

Friday, February 10

Saint Scholastica, Virgin

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Joseph & Anna Chesmar +

Saturday, February 11

Weekday

9:00 AM Joseph Martin +

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 11 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Sunday, February 12

8:30 AM Deceased Members of Holy Name Society

10:00 AM Vito Traversa +

11:30 AM James Salerno +

5:00 PM Felix Vazquez & Jose Romero +

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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FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS: AN INTERFAITH RESPONSE
January 29th – February 5th

Catholic Charities is once again running its *Feeding Our Neighbors Campaign* to restock the food pantries and soup kitchens of the Archdiocese of New York. Our parish along with the other parishes and Catholic schools in the New York Archdiocese will be joined this year by the United Jewish Appeal Federation (UJA); we are asked to make a special effort to feed

our hungry neighbors.

Our donations will support our Food Pantry, as well as other food pantries; and once again our Social Ministry Committee will organize, tally, and report our donations to Catholic Charities. Thank you for doing your part to make this Campaign a success!

