

# St. Bartholomew's Church



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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.

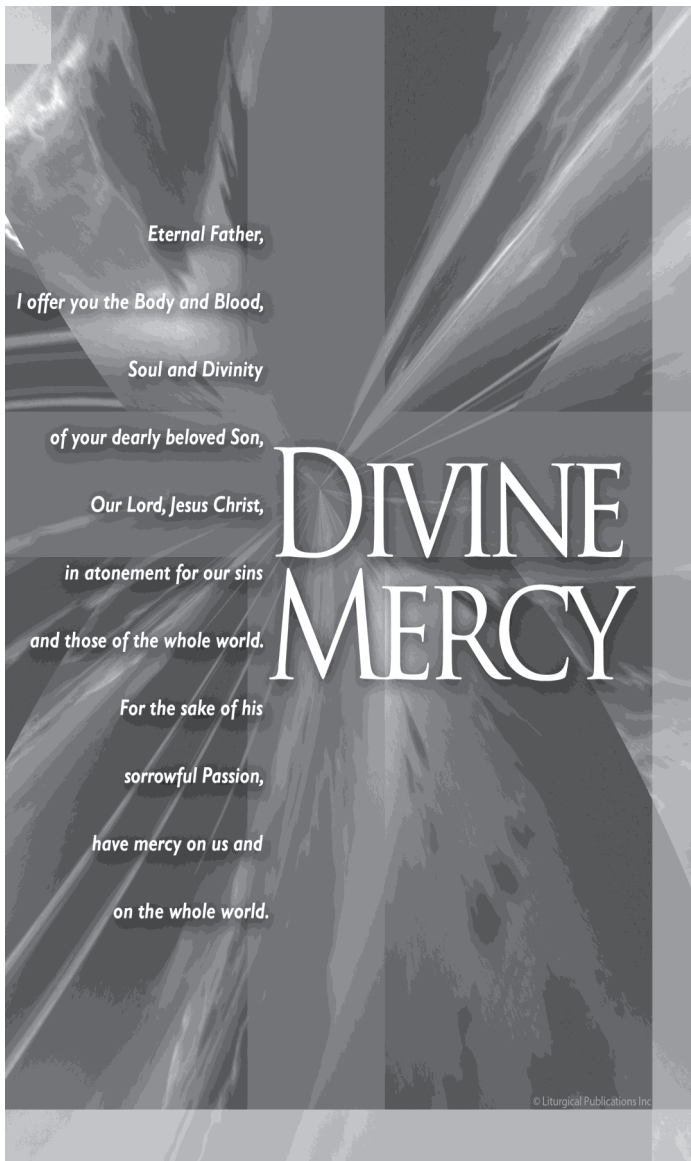
*Parish Council:* Meets on the Monday evening after the third Sunday of the month. Chairperson: Richard Califano

*Holy Name Society:* Meets on the Monday evening after the second Sunday of the month. President, Dan Panik

*Rosary Altar Society:* Meets on the Monday evening after the first Sunday of the month. President, Joan Liddell

*Bereavement Ministry:* For information call (914) 965-0566,  
Tina Falcone

*Trustees:* Catherine Hickey, Aureo Pinto



*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



**DIVINE MERCY**

Stories that assure us of the nature of God's mercy for His children abound. The passion, death, and resurrection of Christ is the ultimate story of the extent that God has gone to show us how precious we are in His eyes; and He'd spare nothing to have us with Him in eternity, not even His only Son. As the world began to lose sight of God's boundless mercy, Jesus renewed the message again through His revelations to St. Maria Faustina. We, the world, need to know about this love and mercy of God for us. "There is nothing that man needs more than Divine Mercy - that love which is benevolent, which is compassionate, which raises man above his weakness to the infinite heights of the holiness of God." ~ St. John Paul II

**Yes, John Paul II becomes a saint today! Also, John XXIII! Alleluia! Glory to God!**

We'll have some inserts in the bulletin on these great Popes. They are saints today because of the mercy of God! We, too, are called to be saints. Yes, you and I, even though we think it is far fetched, can be saints, too. And the grace of Christ's resurrection and God's mercy are enough for those who aspire to be saints!

**St. John Paul II, pray for us!  
St. John XXIII, pray for us!**

**FIRST COMMUNION**

Please keep our children who will be making their First Communion, next Sunday, May 4th, at the 11:30 a.m. Mass in your prayers.

**ST. BART'S THEATRE GROUP**

Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!

Dreams still come true! I've always dreamed of putting on a Passion Play during Holy Week. On my second day at St. Bart's, Father Daniel & I made an unplanned stop at Elvis Valdez's house. How the conversation turned to Passion Play is what I can't recall. But it did. Clearly God wanted it to happen - here at St. Bart's. He (God) brought it all together. He inspired our young and not-so-old; and together we put on a marvelous play, enjoyed by many. My joy is that it helped many parishioners and visitors to experience the Passion on a personal and deeper level. Also, it brought parishioners together during the days we rehearsed.

We want this to continue. So, we'll be working on a Christmas play, and who knows, we might do other plays, too. See the bulletin insert for a copy of all the cast and crew members. If you have not, be sure to thank them when you see them.

**THANKS A MILLION AND A HALF**

To all our Liturgical Ministries who worked very hard to make our Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter ceremonies so wonderful and spiritually fulfilling. Thanks to our Altar Servers, Children and Adult Choirs, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Hospitality Ministers, Liturgical Arts & Environment Ministry.

Once again, thanks to all who donated generously towards the Easter Wish List and the costumes for the Passion Play. We appreciate all your love and support. May the Risen Savior bless you abundantly.

Thanks also to all who sent Easter cards, gifts, and sweets to Father Daniel and me. Thanks for your prayers, gifts, and Easter wishes.

**Have a blessed week! ~ Father Raphael Ezech, MSP**



**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will meet this Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the school. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting.



The **ALTAR BREAD & WINE, ALTAR CANDLES, and SANCTUARY LAMP** for this week have been donated in loving memory of Rita Bolduc by Louise Bolduc.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Joseph Maschak. *Rest in Peace*



**SHARING COMMUNITY MEAL:** This Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be providing our Sharing Community Meal. Please bring your ziti or dessert to the Rectory. Doors will open at 6:45 a.m. The Sharing Community truly appreciates our efforts. For information, please call the Parish Office.

**CALLING ALL SENIORS! CALLING ALL SENIORS!**

**Join fellow seniors for a Mass and Gathering  
Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**

9 a.m. Mass with a Special Blessing, followed by light refreshments and gathering at the McManus Parish Center.



Some of our Seniors have been reading the book, "Heaven Is for Real." They are planning a trip to see the movie based on the book on Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. They plan to have discussions of the book and movie. If any parishioners would like to see the movie with the seniors, please see the flyer on the bulletin boards at the rear of the church for more information.

**HOLY HOUR:** This Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, is First Friday. We will hold Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. with our regular Monthly Holy Hour at 1 p.m. On Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Divine Mercy Holy Hour will begin at 3 p.m. All are invited to spare an hour and come to adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist.



The **ALTAR FLOWERS** are donated by the Confirmation Class in memory of their living and deceased family members and friends who cannot be with them as they receive the sacrament.

## Second Sunday of Easter

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION - RCIA



Do you know a non-Catholic adult who wishes to explore the Catholic faith; or a Catholic who has never received First Communion or been Confirmed? We have a program tailored to these adults. Call Cheryl Duda on 476-6676.

### FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Register **now** for next year's Religious Education program. Children in public school who will be entering First Grade through High School in September are eligible for these after school and evening classes. Besides grade level classes, instruction prepares children for Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation. Call Cheryl Duda (476-6676) for information.



**CONGRATULATIONS & WELCOME** to **Julian Payamps**, who was baptized, received First Communion and Confirmation, and **Jayden Rodriguez**, who was baptized, and to **Juan Roman**, who received his Confirmation and First Communion, thus completing his Christian initiation into the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil Mass. We pray that God blesses them, their families, and sponsors; and we welcome them into our family of faith.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to our Confirmation candidates who will be confirmed by Bishop Gerald T. Walsh at the 11:30 a.m. Mass this Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Please keep them in your prayers.



**SOCIAL MINISTRY:** Our Food Pantry has an **ongoing need** for dry goods, especially **cereal, macaroni & cheese, juices, canned fish/meat, canned fruits & condiments, such as mayonnaise, mustard, ketchup.** Please keep this in mind on your



next trip to the supermarket. Thank you for your continuing support!

The **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. Because of Easter, they will meet this Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. All youths age 13 and up are invited.



**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.

### † STEWARDSHIP †

What shall I render unto the Lord  
for all his benefits to me?

### TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

#### *Last Weekend's Contribution Comparison*

	4/21/13	4/20/14	Difference
Adults	\$5,395.80	\$5,906.05	+\$ 510.25
Children	\$ 115.90	\$ 75.00	-\$ 40.90
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,511.70</b>	<b>\$5,981.05</b>	<b>+\$ 469.35</b>

**Last year's Easter Gifts totaled \$20,481.00**  
**This Year's Easter Gifts totaled \$11,974.95**

**The Holy Thursday collection to aid the poor totaled \$1,400.15.**

**The Good Friday collection in support of the Holy Land totaled \$1,594.25.**

***"WHAT WE HAVE DONE FOR OURSELVES ALONE  
DIES WITH US; WHAT WE HAVE DONE FOR OTHERS  
AND THE WORLD REMAINS AND IS IMMORTAL."***

*~ Albert Pike*



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ethel Thomas, Aldina Pereira, Rebecca Conroy, Andy DeFabritis, Maria Marte, Jule Yaskovic, Rosalie Heit, Florence B. Swetz, Clare Yaskovic, Deacon James Byrnes, Andrea Objay, Carmen Torres, Frank Marra, Deacon Patrick Troy, Josephine Apuzzo, Gary Roth, Joyann Allan, Lois Burton, Mary DeStefano, Mark Cianfaglione, Shawn Colon, Margaret Maccia, Nicole Ryan Betancourt, Anthony Spinner, Audrey Falcone, Kathleen Hayes, Marge Muraik, Nicole Pisani-Frame, Louis Petrulo, Cynthia Swiatkowitz, Jimmy Maimone, Roseanne Mercandetti, Louis Brusco, Josephine Daniele, Jennifer Dorsey, Valerie Riccardi, Fatima Panik, Marian Fletcher, Anna Bonacci, Minerva Hernandez, Paula Parente, Bridget O'Malley, Anna Brucculeri, Gerald Mazzerese, Jr., Patricia Keane, Carol Stola, Amada Ortiz, Karen Aprea, Stephen Sarich, Neil Cawley, Barbara McCormack, Josephine Lehotyak, Lawrence Girsch, Fran Romano, Joe Forlini, Michael Treacy, Rosemarie Petti, Marie Murtha, and Teresa Buoninfante.



**YOU ARE INVITED** to come and share the joy with our children who will be making their First Holy Communion at the 11:30 a.m. Mass next Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

**OUR FAMILY MASS:** Next Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate our Family Mass at 10 a.m. All children and their families are encouraged to attend. However, because of First Communion there will not be Family Breakfast this month.

April 27, 2014

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Mass  for the  
Intentions Week

**Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy**  
**Saturday, April 26 (Vigil Mass)**

8:30 PM Cabrera & Crespo Families

**Sunday, April 27**

8:30 AM Elizabeth & Carl Laredo +

10:00 AM John DiRodio +

11:30 AM Ann Marie Selvaraj +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

**Monday, April 28**

**Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM Rita Bolduc +

9:00 AM Theresa & William Simunek (living)

**Tuesday, April 29**

**St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church**

7:00 AM Deceased Members of Bolduc & Savard Families

9:00 AM Stanis Buoninfante +

**Wednesday, April 30**

**Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM Maria Phan Nguyen +

9:00 AM Margaret Foley +

**Thursday, May 1**

**Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM Joseph Maschak +

9:00 AM Stanis Buoninfante +

**Friday, May 2**

**St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

7:00 AM Joseph & Rosalie Botcheller +

9:00 AM Anna Baumeister +

**Saturday, May 3**

**Saints Philip & James, Apostles**

9:00 AM Luigi Lucchetti +

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**Third Sunday of Easter**

**Saturday, May 3 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Lucille & Victor Serricchio +

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**Sunday, May 4**

8:30 AM Constance Steffens +

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM Donata & Edward Vitullo +

5:00 PM Frank & Carmela Legio +

## **HOW TO PRAY THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET**

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is a relatively recent but very popular devotion revealed by Our Lord to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun. On Good Friday 1937, Christ appeared to Saint Faustina and asked her to recite this chaplet for nine days, starting on Good Friday and ending on the Octave of Easter (the Sunday after Easter Sunday), now known as Divine Mercy Sunday.



The chaplet is most often recited during those nine days, but it can be prayed at any time of the year, and Saint Maria Faustina recited it almost unceasingly. A standard rosary can be used to recite the chaplet. Here's how:

### **◆ Make the Sign of the Cross**

### **◆ Pray the Opening Prayers**

"You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us."

"O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!" (*three times*)

### **◆ Pray the Our Father**

### **◆ Pray the Hail Mary**

### **◆ Say the Apostles' Creed**

### **◆ Pray the Prayer "Eternal Father" on the Our Father bead**

"Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world. Amen."

### **◆ Pray the Prayer "For the Sake of His Sorrowful Passion" Ten Times on the Hail Mary beads**

"For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

### **◆ Repeat Steps 6 and 7**

On each of the next four decades of the Chaplet, repeat steps 6 and 7 (pray the Eternal Father, followed by ten "For the Sake of His Sorrowful Passion").

### **◆ Pray the Concluding Doxology Three Times after all five decades**

"Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world." (*three times*)

### **◆ Pray the Closing Prayer**

"Eternal God, in Whom mercy is endless, and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us, and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments, we might not despair, nor become despondent, but with great confidence, submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy Itself. Amen."

### **◆ End With the Sign of the Cross**