

# 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.

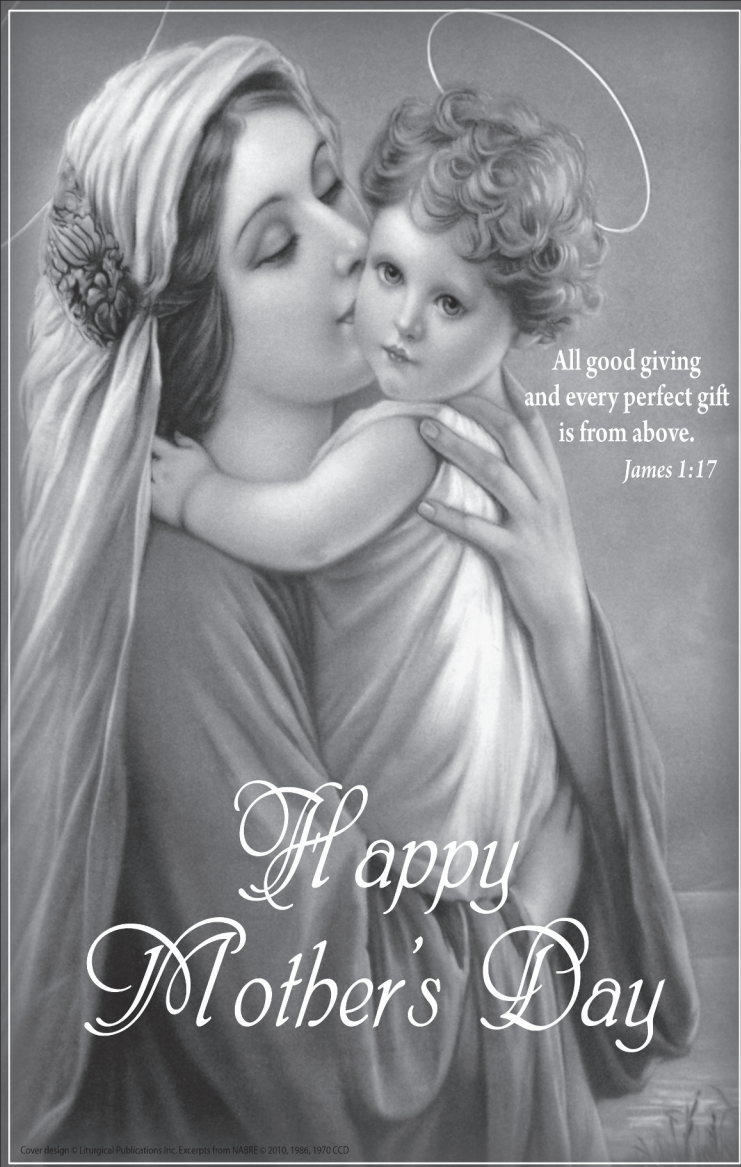
*Parish Council:* Meets on the Monday evening after the third Sunday of the month. Chairperson: Richard Califano

*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



**WE SALUTE OUR SHEPHERDS**

This Sunday we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday. We remember the many ways God provides for us and takes care of us. First, it's a day to give thanks to God for the gift of Christ, Our Good Shepherd (John 10:1-10). Secondly, it's a day to thank our mothers, biological or adopted, and all who play a mother's role in our lives for all they have done for us. Thirdly, it's a day for us adults (especially mothers) to examine how God uses us to shepherd his own.

This week Kevin Durant who plays for Oklahoma City Thunder accepted the NBA Most Valued Player award with an emotional speech. He basically said that his mother was the main MVP winner because of the vital and life-shaping role she played in his life. This is very true in every sphere of life, most importantly the spiritual sphere. The story of St. Monica – St. Augustine's mother – easily comes to mind. There would have been no St. Augustine without St. Monica.

Once again, we thank God who always provides for us shepherds to help us grow into the people he's calling us to be. Let us be aware that as adults, we are each called to shepherd (nurture, guide, help) someone else in their journey through this world. May God form us into good shepherds after the example of Christ the Good Shepherd - Amen.

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

It's so fitting that we celebrate our mothers in the month of May when we celebrate our Blessed Mother, the greatest of mothers. We had a very beautiful May Crowning on Monday. We salute our mothers (and all who play mother's roles in our lives). May the Lord who called you to this vocation always grant you abundant grace with which to be a mother after His heart. Amen.

**MONSIGNOR JOHN KENNEDY**

Some of you have been asking if he's coming this year. We received information that he is coming. He arrives on May 21<sup>st</sup> and departs June 7<sup>th</sup>. Somewhere in-between, he will be away for five days. I am glad he's coming – I get to discuss with him about my dream of becoming a cardinal, a step to my goal/dream of being the first African pope. It pays to have a friend in high places!

**FATHER DANIEL**

I spoke with him and he's enjoying his vacation. Those who use Facebook already know that his sister's wedding went very well. I am sure he'll come back with more pictures. He's in the Southern part of Nigeria, far away from all the bombings.

**PRAY FOR NIGERIA**

Please keep Nigeria in your prayers, that God may help the security agents to find and rescue the kidnapped girls and also help our government (with help from other countries) to find a permanent solution to the growing threat of Muslim extremists. If you can, please join us this week, on Friday, May 16 at 5pm to pray for these two intentions. We will have a one-hour adoration and rosary before the Family Bingo Night at 6pm.

**Have a blessed week!~**

**Father Raphael Ezech, MSP**



May God bless all the mothers of our Parish on this very special day! In this month of May, set aside for a special devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother; we ask for her intercession and protection for all mothers.

*We love you all!*

The **ALTAR FLOWERS** are donated this week in loving memory of Frances Nanoia & Angelina Brusco by Louis and Angela Brusco.



The **ALTAR BREAD & WINE, ALTAR CANDLES,** and **SANCTUARY LAMP** for this week have been donated in loving memory of Frances Nanoia & Angelina Brusco by Louis and Angela Brusco.

**ANNUAL DINNER MEETING:**

This Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, the **Holy Name Society** will receive four new members (James Lucas, Joe Monroig, Luis Pastor and Juan Roman) during Holy Mass at 7 p.m., which will be followed by a dinner in the McManus Parish Center. Contact Tom Hoffman on 476-7976 for details.



**HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

**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 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 more information.

**CHILDREN'S MASS:**

Please make it a point to bring your child to our Children's Mass next Sunday and the rest of the Sundays in May. 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 together with other children at a designated place during the Mass.



**ADULT FAITH FORMATION:** Adults interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or wishing to prepare for Confirmation should contact the Religious Education Office for information about the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). Call (914) 476-6676 for further information.

## Fourth Sunday of Easter



We congratulate 25 of our children who made their First Holy Communion last Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, and we welcome them to the Table of the Lord:

Olivia Alba	Christian Herrera
Rachel Azcona	Jessica Higgins
Annalise Calderon	Mia Liriano
Citlalli Campos	Kyle Macancela
Sally Campos	Ashley Martinez
Samantha Colon	Justin Peralta
Shawn Colon	Marina Pires
Paola Corbo	Rey Roman
Vince Delgado	Sujej Roman
Nicholas Fermin	Aidan Sheperd
Bryan Franco	Charles Szeliga
Joel Guachichulca	Eric Gabriel Valdez
Carter Wuestenhoefler	

Please keep these children in your prayers; and also include Jenna Wong who will make her First Communion here at St. Bartholomew's Church on Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.

### WEDDING JUBILEE MASS & CELEBRATION



St. Bartholomew's couples who are celebrating their **25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary** anytime this year (2014) are invited to attend the 11:30 a.m. Mass on June 8<sup>th</sup>. They will be blessed and honored during the Mass which will be followed by a Reception in the McManus Parish Center. Please call the Rectory to register and tell us how many guests you might be expecting at the Reception.

**Couples celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2014 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, at 2 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Please contact your Parish Office for registration. The closing date to register for the Mass is Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. This event is sponsored by the Family Life + Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.**

### PLAN ON ATTENDING THESE PARISH FUNCTIONS

Family Bingo on Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

Spring Concert on Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>

St. Bart's Annual Tag Sale on Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>

Parish Picnic on Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 12 noon at St. Joseph's Seminary

**The Rosary Altar Society is having their year end dinner at Fogarty's on Tuesday, June 3rd at 6 p.m.** The cost for the dinner is \$25.00. All ladies of the parish are invited. If you are interested, please contact Josephine Smith at 914 476-5386.



### TITHING – GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING *Last Weekend's Contribution Comparison*

	5/5/13	5/4/14	Difference
Adults	\$6,150.55	\$6,860.25	+\$ 709.70
Children	\$ 92.05	\$ 51.90	-\$ 40.15
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,242.60</b>	<b>\$6,912.15</b>	<b>+\$ 669.55</b>

**The Collection in support of our Buildings & Grounds totaled \$1,601.75.**

**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 Swiatkowicz, 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.

**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.



May 11, 2014

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Mass  for the  
Intentions Week

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Saturday, May 10 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Ethel Castagnozzi +

**Sunday, May 11**

8:30 AM Elizabeth Laredo +

10:00 AM Frances Nanoia & Angelina Brusco +

11:30 AM Rita Bolduc +

5:00 PM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Mothers

**Monday, May 12**

**Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Mothers

9:00 AM Margaret Pezzente +

**Tuesday, May 13**

**Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Mothers

9:00 AM Pat & Annie Bryce +

**Wednesday, May 14**

**Saint Matthias, Apostle**

7:00 AM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Mothers

9:00 AM Antonio Marchetti +

**Thursday, May 15**

**Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Mothers

9:00 AM John S. DelBene +

**Friday, May 16**

**Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM Paul Bolduc (living)

9:00 AM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Mothers

**Saturday, May 17**

**Easter Weekday**

9:00 AM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Mothers

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**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Saturday, May 17 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Alexander Trancynger +

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**Sunday, May 18**

8:30 AM Robert Liddell +

10:00 AM Charles & Mary Barba & Son +

11:30 AM Carole Ferraro +

5:00 PM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Mothers

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## **MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER**



Loving God,  
You wrap Your arms around Your people  
And show Your everlasting love in the same way  
A mother loves her children.  
We are grateful for the love You have taught us  
Through the mothers in our lives:  
Our own mother who brought us into this world,  
The mothers of friends who have welcomed us  
Into their homes and families,  
Our grandmothers who took time for us,  
And the mothers who have helped us  
Even though we were not their children.  
Bless all the mothers of this world today.  
May they know the fullness of love they have shared  
And be blessed every day of their lives. Amen.

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## **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

This is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The world needs leaders with courage and integrity. The Church needs good leaders as well; leaders who will unselfishly care for the needs of God's people and minister to them. Please remember in your prayers those who have answered and those who contemplate answering God's call to His service.

For more information, visit the website  
[www.nyreligiouslife.org](http://www.nyreligiouslife.org).

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## **PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

Gracious God,  
You have blessed me with many gifts and talents.  
Grant me the wisdom to know how best to use them  
For the glory of Your name.  
Jesus calls, "Come follow Me."  
I want to follow Him and be faithful to my call.  
Help me to see in myself what You see,  
And give me the courage  
To follow wherever You may lead.  
Bless the Church with generous hearts,  
Eager to serve Your people and to spread Your Word.  
Amen.