

St. Bartholomew's Church

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

And the apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."
The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." *Lk 17:5-6*

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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 Ezech, 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

HOW FRUITFUL IS YOUR FAITH?

Recognize anyone in today's very pointed parable? Isaiah and the psalm response may tempt us to think we've clearly identified the culprits. The servants are an easy call: the endless succession of mistreated prophets whose messages were rejected. The son, "thrown out of the vineyard and killed," is even more obvious (cf. Matthew 21:39). And Jesus' conclusion seems to clinch it, the vineyard changing hands: unfaithful Israel succeeded by the faithful Church –us – right?



Not so fast! The lectionary clips off the Gospel's conclusion: "When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they knew that he was speaking about them" precisely in order to challenge us to understand that we are Jesus' audience (Matthew 21:45)! The danger in hearing parables from our comfortable distance is that we instinctively let ourselves off the hook by identifying the objects of Jesus' criticism as anyone but ourselves. Humility, on the other hand, suggests that the Church now, more than Israel then, needs to hear this story of barren vines and closed hearts, and take that message home for a personal examination of conscience, especially during Respect Life Month.

As harvest time draws near, in nature and for each of us in judgment, we'd best examine just how fruitful our own corner of the vineyard is. If god's peace is standing "guard over my heart and mind in Christ Jesus," as Paul advises, then I ought to "have no anxiety at all," or at least so little that I am free to love, to work, and to tend the vineyard to fruitfulness (cf. Philippians 4:7, 6).

Does the "peace of God that surpasses all understanding" (Philippians 4:7) describe the life that pulses through my heart these days?

(Pastoral Patterns, Autumn 2017).



National Estate Planning Awareness Week October 16 – 22, 2017

When I was in Chicago, two parishioners included the parish in their will. It wasn't millions but their thoughtful remembrance of the beloved parish in their wills was quite exemplary and encouraging. Prior to my arrival, one other couple had willed a large sum of money to the parish for youth and children's ministries.

The week of October 16th through the 22nd is the National Estate Planning Awareness Week. While we don't have parishioners with tons of money to spare, anyone can actually include St. Bart's in their will. Any amount given will help the parish in many ways. But it's the thoughtfulness that counts even more. Our ministry to the children, middle school youth and high school youth is growing. Help us secure the future of the parish if you are able to.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

We remember those who died in Las Vegas this past week. May the Lord grant them eternal rest. May He grant consolation to their grieving families. May He grant healing to those recuperating in the hospitals. And for some reason I thought I should add the perpetrator on the list – may the Lord have mercy on his soul, too. Above all, may the Lord grant his grace of conversion to anyone planning similar evils in their hearts. Amen.

Blessings upon you and your family. Amen.

Blessings on and peace. Fr. Raphael

PARISH NEWS

Columbus Day
Observed the second
Monday of October



This **Monday, October 9th** is **Columbus Day**. There will be only one Mass on that day at 9:00 am. The Parish Office will be closed in observance of the holiday.

The **HOLY NAME SOCIETY** meeting will be held this Monday, October 9th at 7:30 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center. All men of the parish are invited



HOLY NAME SOCIETY



Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially Maureen Clare and

Deacon Paul A. Rausch.

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES:

Religious Education Classes began on Tuesday, September 12th. It is not too late to register.

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.

Please call Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676 for more information.



Religious Education

The Rite of Christian Initiation (popularly known as RCIA) is the process designed by the Church for adults to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. It is open to adults who: have never been baptized and would prepare for all three sacraments; were baptized in a non-Catholic Christian denomination and are interested in becoming Catholic and would prepare for Confirmation and First Communion; or were baptized Catholic but never received Confirmation and/or Communion and would prepare for the sacraments they have not yet received.



Please contact Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676 if you or somebody you know might be interested in the program.

BE "INFORMED" FOR OCTOBER

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. **This Week Watch:** *Lead Kindly Light* on Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman, *Pius XII: Under the Roman Sky*, *Columbus: Adventures to the Edge of the World*, or *John XXIII*. **On the 13th Watch:** *Finding Fatima*, *The 13th Day* or *The Day the Sun Danced*. (For further info call Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676)

PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS

OKTOBERFEST

THIS Saturday, October 14th at 6 p.m. in McManus Parish Center
In honor of Steve Hickey, sponsored by the Holy Name Society.



Great Food and Entertainment

Reservations required. See the Holy Name Members at the rear of the Church after the Masses or contact

Joe Chimenti at (914) 423-0975 or Tom Hoffman at 914 476-7976 or contact the Parish Office.

\$15 for adults \$5 for children

\$40 per family (this includes mom, dad and all children under 21).

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FUN FILLED NIGHT!!!

SENIOR MOVIE THURSDAY

After the 9 a.m. Mass on Thursday, October 19th



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Friday, October 20th

Children ages 4 to 10, come and join us for some fun and games.



FAMILY BREAKFAST COMING IN, NOVEMBER

DECEMBER AND JANUARY 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.



LOCAL EVENTS

St. John's Riverside Hospital is seeking Eucharistic Ministers to volunteer for their Spiritual Care Department. Please contact Rev. Paul Bryant-Smith, Hospital Chaplain at 914 984-4368 for further information.

"First Communion in the Liturgical Life of the Church Workshop"

St. Joseph's Seminary, Friday, October 13th, 3 to 5 p.m. Presentation by Donna Eschenauer, P.H.D., author of "First Communion Liturgies: Preparing First-class Celebrations" For more info. contact Liturgy@archny.org or call 914 968-6200, ext. 8177

Faith and Compassion: An Evolutionary Perspective : Co sponsored by the Sisters of the Divine Compassion and the Duchesne Center for Religious and Social Justice, on Saturday, October 14th from 9 a.m. to 12:00 Noon, suggested donation is \$20, call 914 844-8304 for more information and registration.

The Ursuline School. Open House, Saturday, October 28th from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm. The Ursuline School is an independent, private, Catholic, college preparatory school for girls in grades 6-12. and is located at 1354 North Avenue, New Rochelle, NY For more information, please go to www.Ursulinenewrochelle.org or call the admissions office at 914 500-6227.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING Sunday Collection Update

Amount Needed Weekly	\$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$6,645.10
Balance	- \$ 354.90
*(Envelopes \$6,425.10, Online 220.00)	

Amount Needed for Month of October	\$35,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$ 6,650.10

The collection for Building and Grounds totaled \$1,365.65

"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!



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.

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.

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 Sunday, October 15th.

October 8, 2017

Mass  *for the*
Intentions *Week*

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, October 7 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Nick & Anthony Lalli +

Sunday, October 8, 2017

8:30 AM Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society
10:00 AM Helen & Pete Pietrowski +
11:30 AM Dec. Mem. of Salerno & Del Bene Families
5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, October 9

Weekday / Columbus Day

9:00 AM Fernando Chietini +

Tuesday, October 10

Weekday

7:00 AM Salvatore Darretta +

9:00 AM Allison Zingaro +

Wednesday, October 11

Weekday

7:00 AM Deceased Members of Amorim Family

9:00 AM Theresa Forella+

Thursday, October 12

Weekday

7:00 AM Joseph & Maria Nguyen +

9:00 AM Benjamin Pelliccio +

Friday, October 13

Weekday

7:00 AM Joseph & Maria Ngo +

9:00 AM Caterina Corbo +

Saturday, October 14

Weekday

9:00 AM Rachelle Batac (living)

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, October 14 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Deceased Members Of Laudadio Family

Sunday, October 15, 2017

8:30 AM Deceased Members of Fayden & Martelli Families
10:00 AM Deceased Members of Terrusa & Legio Families
11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish
5:00 PM Angelo Mastroddi +

October 8, 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.

OCTOBER MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY



Remember to invite your family and pray the Rosary with them each and every day throughout the month of October. By praying the Rosary you are requesting the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary for the protection of your family and for the faith and strength to accept any hardship you may be encountering in life. Please make a special effort to say the Rosary with your fellow parishioners after the 9 a.m. Masses, at the First Friday and First Saturday Holy Hours or with your family at home.

O blessed rosary of Mary, sweet chain which unites us to God, bond of love which unites us to the angels, tower of salvation against the assaults of hell, safe port in our universal shipwreck, we will never abandon you. You will be our comfort in the hour of death; yours our final kiss as life ebbs away. And the last word from our lips will be your sweet name, O Queen of the Rosary O dearest Mother, O Refuge of Sinners, O Sovereign Consoler of the Afflicted. May you be everywhere blessed, today and always, on earth and in heaven. Amen.



Pope John Paul II