

# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in  
Ordinary Time*

**A**ll were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee. - Mk 1:27-28

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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:** Sam Farraj, Anna Legio

**JESUS: THE POWER TO DRIVE OUT UNCLEAN SPIRITS**

They say that naming something can give you power over it. The unclean spirit in Mark's Gospel tried to do just that, crying out, "Jesus of Nazareth...the Holy One of God" (Mark 1:24). But Jesus has the authority of God and this triumphs over the unclean spirit. Mark portrays Jesus as the prophet promised to Moses and the people in the first reading, "I will raise up for them a prophet...and will put my words into his mouth" (Deuteronomy 18:18). This gives Jesus the authority to drive out unclean spirits, as well as to teach with authority in the synagogue.

The passage from Saint Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians can be understood in the light of his belief that the Second Coming was imminent. Considering the importance of this event, Paul wanted the faithful to spend less time worrying about the day-to-day concerns of this world.



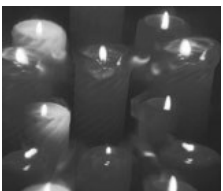
We don't hear what Jesus taught in the synagogue, but Mark tells us that "he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes" (Mark 1:22). What would the scribes have said about a man with an unclean spirit in the synagogue? Probably that he was corrupting the place with his presence and that he should be cast out. But Jesus chooses to cast out the unclean spirit, not the person. He is not concerned as the scribes would be, of becoming unclean Himself. He teaches—and acts—with greater authority than the people had ever witnessed.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

What kind of "unclean spirits" afflicting some people do I encounter? Do I risk becoming unclean myself when encountering those who are afflicted? Can I overcome that risk?

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD,  
FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>, CANDLEMAS DAY**

At the end of the fourth century, a woman named Etheria made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Her journal, discovered in 1887, gives an unprecedented glimpse of liturgical life there. Among the celebrations, she describes is the Epiphany, the observance of Christ's birth, and the gala procession in honor of his Presentation to the Temple forty days later—February 15<sup>th</sup>. (Under the Mosaic Law, a woman



was ritually "unclean" for forty days after childbirth, when she was to present herself to the priests and offer sacrifice—her "purification." This feast emphasized Jesus' first appearance in the Temple more than Mary's purification.

The observance spread throughout the Western church in the fifth and sixth centuries. Because the church in the West celebrated Jesus's birth on December 25<sup>th</sup>, the Presentation was moved to February 2<sup>nd</sup>, forty days after Christmas.

At the beginning of the eighth century, Pope Sergius inaugurated a candlelight procession; at the end of the same century the blessing and distribution of candles which continues to this day, became part of the celebration, giving the feast its popular name of Candlemas.

*From Saint of the Day*


**PARISH  
NEWS**



**THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE**, has been donated for the intentions of Justin Colon by Mildred Blanco.

May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace, especially Rosalie Heit.  *Rest in Peace*



**Religious Education** All Catholic children attending public schools should enroll in a religious education program. Please call Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676 for more information.

**SHARING COMMUNITY MEAL: Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>** we are providing the Sharing Community with our monthly contribution of baked ziti and desserts. Please bring your donation to the Rectory basement. The door will be opened at 6:45 a.m. The Sharing Community truly appreciates our efforts. **If you'd like to contribute, please call the Parish Office at 914-965-0566**

**Calling all Seniors! Calling all Seniors!**

Join fellow seniors for Mass and Gathering **Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>** for the 9 a.m. Mass with a Special Blessing followed by light refreshments and gathering at McManus Parish Center.

**ADORATION & HOLY HOUR: This Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**, is First Friday. We will have First Friday Adoration beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at 7 p.m. with a Holy Hour at 1 p.m. **Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**, is First Saturday. The Divine Mercy Holy Hour will begin at 3 p.m. All are invited to spend an hour to come and adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist.



**CANDLESMAS DAY: Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>** is Candlemas Day. Prior to the 9 a.m. Mass there will be a blessing of devotional candles followed by a small procession. Join us and bring your devotional candle from home to be blessed.

**FEAST DAY OF ST. BLAISE: This Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>** is the feast of St. Blaise. We will have the Blessing of Throats during the 9 a.m. Mass.

**BE "INFORMED" FOR JANUARY**

We hope you are enjoying the free parish subscription to [www.formed.org](http://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. Today we honor Saint Thomas Aquinas. Study: Symbolon: Living the Faith, session 6: *A Catholic Moral Vision*. Read: *Practical Theology* or *Saint Thomas Aquinas*. You can also listen to: *The Four Levels of Happiness*; *Deep Conversion*, *Deep Prayer* or *Holiness is Always in Season*. Contact Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676 if you have any questions.



UPCOMING FEBRUARY PARISH EVENTS



FAMILY BREAKFAST, SUNDAY, FEB. 4TH AFTER THE 8:30 & 10 AM MASSES

MOVIE THURSDAY

THURSDAY, FEB. 15TH AFTER THE 9:00 AM MASS



ST BART'S WINTER FESTIVAL SATURDAY, FEB. 17TH AT 6 PM Dinner, Music, Dancing and Prizes.

YOUTH WEEK

WEEK OF FEB. 18TH, DETAILS TO FOLLOW



MEETING: For anyone interested and concerned with the safety issues on Palmer Road, there will be a discussion on Thursday, February 1st at 7p.m. on the second floor in the school building with the city.

Our YOUTH GROUP meets on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. Their February 4th meeting is cancelled. Their next meeting is Sunday, February 18th. Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @St\_Barts-Youth.

Our newly formed EDGE GROUP (AGES 11-13) meets the second Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. Their next meeting is Sunday, February 11th.

Our CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (AGES 4-10) meets the third Friday each month at 6:30 p.m. in the school building. Their next meeting is Friday, February 16th.

LOCAL EVENTS

Annual Retreat Day for Catholic Teachers in Public Schools: The Archdiocesan Catechetical Office is sponsoring an Annual Retreat Day on Saturday, February 3rd, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, at 55 Ryder Road, Ossining, NY 10562. Please join our Catholic Teachers in Public Schools both active and now retired across the Archdiocese of New York. Deepen your appreciation of your ministry as a teacher, share with colleagues and pray and reflect upon Jesus' connection with each of us.

A suggested donation of \$25 is requested to help defray the cost. For more information, please contact the Regional Office at Zelide.Ceccagno@archny.org or 914 965-0490.

The Ursuline School cordially invites girls in grades 6, 7 and 8 to attend the Middle School Entrance Test (at 9 a.m.) and Open House Reception (at 12 p.m.), on Saturday, February 3, 2018. Please visit the web site at www.ursulinenewrochelle.org or call 914 500-6212.

Young Adult Retreat: February 9-11, 2018, Marianist Family Retreat Center, Cape May Point, NJ. Ages 22-35, Single or Married. Examine your personal faith and relationship with God. Cost: \$130 per person. For further information, please contact Anthony Fucci, Center Director at 609 884-3829.

Archdiocese of New York Office of Liturgy: Eucharistic Adoration Seminar at St. Joseph's Seminary, on Friday, February 16th at 7 p.m. Presentation is by James Monti, Author of "Praying in the Presence of Our Lord". For more information and registration, go to nyliturgy.org/workshops or contact: liturgy@archny.org or call 914 968-6200, extension 8177.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING Sunday Collection Update

Amount Needed Weekly \$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday \$4,890.30
Balance - \$2,109.70
\*(Envelopes \$4,635.30,+ Online \$255)

Amount Needed for Month of January \$28,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far \$16,389.50

The second collection for Snow Removal totaled: \$1,192.75

"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!

It's time to sign up for on line giving with We Share. Please contact the parish office or take a flyer and sign up sheet at the rear of the church.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Richard Meyers, 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, Cynthia Mascetta King, and Matthew Fitzpatrick.

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.

January 28, 2018

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Mass  for the  
Intentions *Week*

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, January 27 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Margaret Verderosa +

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**Sunday, January 28, 2018**

8:30 AM Frances Starkenberg +

10:00 AM Robert & Lillian Kurtz +

11:30 AM Maddalena & Paul Coniglio +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

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**Monday, January 29**

**Weekday**

7:00 Marie Caloia +

9:00 AM Daniel P. De Rosa +

**Tuesday, January 30**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Francis, Sr. & Francis, Jr. Yaskovic +

**Wednesday, January 31**

**Saint John Bosco, Priest**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Manuel Enes +

**Thursday, February 1**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Dina Legio +

9:00 AM No Intention

**First Friday, February 2**

**The Presentation of the Lord**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Linda Wojda Skelly +

**First Saturday, February 3**

**Weekday– The Feast of St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr**

9:00 AM Carmine Nicholas Maccia +

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**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

5:00 PM George Goresen +

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**Sunday, February 4, 2018**

8:30 AM Leonore Erb +

10:00 AM Anthony Esposito +

11:30 AM Carmela Di Santo +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

January 28, 2018

**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 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 Parish Office. Thank you!

Name:

Address:

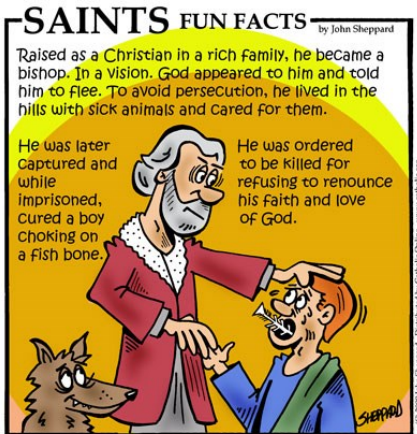
City/Zip:

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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St. Blaise