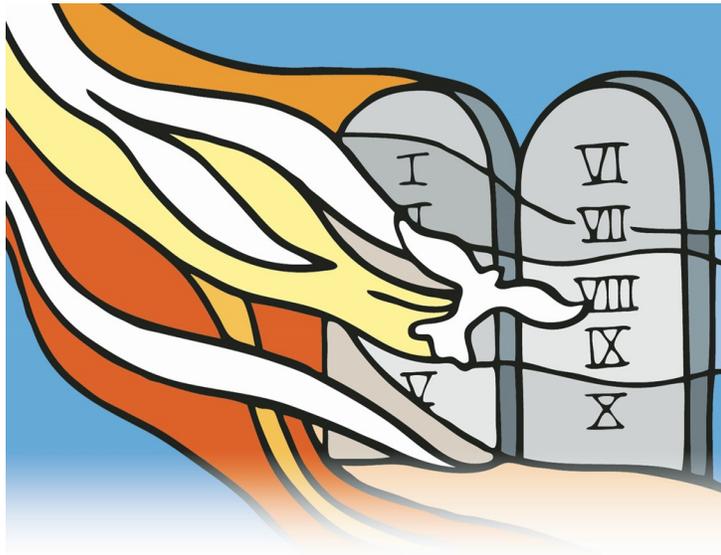


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6th Sunday of Easter

"If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete." - Jn 15:10-11

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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

TRUE LOVE

It is typical to think of love as a feeling, the way we feel about a spouse, a parent, a child, a close friend. Yes, this is love, but this is not the meaning that Jesus is using when he says, "Love one another as I love you" (John 15:12). Love in this sense is a permanent condition, a part of one's character. As a part of our character, it can't help but flow out of us when we interact with others. Remember, Jesus began the Last Supper by washing the feet of the disciples, then telling them to do the same. This is the way we are to love one another.



Jesus tells His disciples that "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13). Fortunately, most of us will never be faced with actually putting our life on the line to save someone else. However, we can all accept the challenge of sacrificing some part of ourselves to give over our time and energy to someone else.

Cornelius, a recently converted Roman centurion, and normally an observant Jew like Peter, would not enter the house of a Gentile. But Peter's focus was on others, not himself. Still, Peter was astounded to see the Holy Spirit descend upon these Gentiles just as it had on the disciples. So too may the Holy Spirit astonish us when we reach out to others outside our comfort zone.

Questions of the Week:

Can I improve my character so that I focus more on others' needs and less on my own needs? To whom can I reach out this week with my attention, time, and energy?

Parish Tidbits:

**Fr. Anthony will be travelling home briefly to see his aging mother. As missionaries, we don't get to see our aging parents that often. In some cases, many of us regret not finding time and means to do so. This dawned on me when it was too late. In any case, let's keep him and his mom in our prayers.

**The money from the Renew and Rebuild Campaign is already yielding fruits. It comes at a time we really needed it. Work is going on in the rectory. Recently there was also roof leakage and that will also be taken care of. We have concluded plans to restore the gym floor and the school hallways. We're looking into security cameras for the three buildings. The choir has been complaining about microphones and we've been having some issues with the sound system. We're upgrading these also to accommodate our current liturgical needs. Please, keep up your payments. Blessings and thanks a lot for your generosity.

Fr. Raphael, Ezech, MSP

PARISH NEWS

Thursday, May 10th is Ascension Thursday, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are as follows: Wednesday, May 9th at 7 p.m. and Thursday, May 10th at 7 a.m., 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. THERE WILL BE NO NOON MASS on Thursday, May 10th.



THE ALTAR FLOWERS, ALTAR BREAD AND WINE, SANCTUARY LAMP AND ALTAR CANDLES have been donated in memory of Fiore Brusco by Lou and Angela



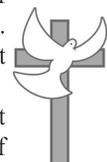
Brusco.



The **ALTAR FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE ALTAR** are donated by the **Communion Class** in honor and memory of their living and deceased family members.

Congratulations to those who were sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Confirmation here at St. Bartholomew's Church by Bishop Gerald T. Walsh last Sunday, April 29th.

We thank God for you and ask all our parishioners to pray that the graces they have received from the Sacrament of Confirmation be used for their salvation and the salvation of all.



Jessica Rhylie Batac
Angelica Sophia Blanco
Angela Maria Tatiana Celio
Elijah Blu Cordero
Ryan Malachy Costello
Emily Delgado
Steven Delgado
Willmar Orquirys Diaz
Joseph Anthony Durso
Sarah Ileana Fermin
Michael Salvatore Fontanello
Amanda Julianna Cecelia Gentile
Alexus Monica Gongora
Franchelly Jayanna Joan Gutierrez
Sofia Giselle Henriques
Delia Grace Sophia Brennan Lima
Jaelle Jenna Mejia
Dotun Paul Obasa
Luis Christian Pastor III
Juliana Maureen Scarpelli
Aristides Lucian Taveras
Matthew Anthony Tritto
Madison Rose Charlotte Wuestenhofer

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



COMMUNION PRAYER

Dear God, I know that You give me many gifts.
The gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ in Holy Communion is the greatest of all. How can I ever thank You enough for this special gift?

At Mass we are called to be like Jesus, by loving and serving one another in the world.

As I become more like Him, please continue to help me.

Show me the places and ways that I can bring Your love, kindness, and peace to others. in my family, in my neighborhood, in my community, and with my friends.

I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen



UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

RAS TEA PARTY

Saturday, May 12th, from Noon-3 p.m.

LIFE LINE SCREENING

Friday, May 25th McManus Parish Center
Pre-registration is required. Please call 1 888 653-6450

PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO SOME REPAIR WORK TAKING PLACE IN THE GYM, INTERNATIONAL NIGHT ON MAY 19TH IS CANCELLED

BE "INFORMED"

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. Contact Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676 if you have any questions.

MOTHER'S DAY IS MAY 13TH

Mother's Day Novena Masses: Sunday, May 13th is Mother's Day. Our Parish will have a Novena of Masses for all our mothers— living and deceased. The Novena of Masses will begin on Sunday, May 13th, and will finish on Monday, May 21st.

There are cards and envelopes at the back of the church. If you want your mother, mother-in-law, or any mother remembered in the Novena of Masses, please fill out the envelope with your donation and drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish office during the week.

TAG SALE

We need volunteers for the tag sale on June 2nd. We need help setting up beginning on Wednesday, May 30th, Thursday, May 31st, Friday, June 1st and the day of the tag sale, Saturday June 2nd. We are asking for some able bodied men during these days especially for table set up and also on Saturday at 3 p.m. **Also donations are needed. We will begin to take donations Monday, May 13th.** All donated items should be in fairly good condition and working. Please no books or stuffed animals.

TV's are accepted only if they are flat screen TV's. Jewelry, kitchen items, clothes in good condition, baby items such as strollers, high chairs, play pens, etc. are among the items that are particularly attractive to buyers. **For further information, please call Cheryl at 914-476-6676.**



St. Bart's Angels would like to thank all who attended and also donated to the Relay for Life Breakfast.

P.S. St Bart's won the Yonkers challenge for Relay for Life.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING Sunday Collection Update

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| Amount Needed Weekly | \$7,000.00 |
| Actual Received Last Sunday | \$5,142.60 |
| Balance | - \$1,857.40 |
| *(Envelopes \$4,827.60, Online \$315.00) | |

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| Amount Needed for Month of April | \$35,000.00 |
| Amount Collected Thus Far | \$29,488.91 |

The revised Easter collection totaled: \$9,913.40
The Second Collection for the Churches in Central and Eastern Europe totaled: \$1,141.30.

"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., 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, Frank Sanzo, Paul Pesavento, Isabel Medina, Larry Vandak, Lisa Villar, Rosemarie Petti, Paul Sarubbi, Judy Ellsworth, Nancy (Candy) Viola and Lou De Muro.

Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.

PARISH FAMILY PICTURE DIRECTORY

There have been two dates added for families to have their pictures taken.

The dates are:

Friday, June 22nd from 2 to 9 p.m.
and Saturday, June 23rd from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.



Please contact the parish office or sign up online via our parish website, www.saintbartsparish.org and follow the link.

May 6, 2018

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Saturday, May 5 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Lucielle & Victor Serricchio +

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 6, 2018

8:30 AM Elizabeth & Carl Laredo +
10:00 AM Fiore Brusco +
11:30 AM Dina Legio +
5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, May 7

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Helen Duda +
9:00 AM Ruth Sweeney +

Tuesday, May 8

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Mary Walsh +
9:00 AM Rosalie Chimenti +

Wednesday, May 9

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Mary Walsh +
9:00 AM Eneida Galban +
7:00 PM Vigil No Intention

Thursday, May 10

Ascension Thursday

7:00 AM Mary Walsh +
9:00 AM Joaquina Le Bron +
7:00 PM Michael & Peter Yakman +

Friday, May 11

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Mary Walsh +
9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Swetz Family

Saturday, May 12

Easter Weekday

9:00 AM Margaret Maccia +

Saturday, May 12 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Sophia Gogola +

Sunday, May 13, 2018

Mother's Day

8:30 AM Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society
10:00 AM Frances Nanoia & Angelina Brusco +
11:30 AM Novena for our Living and Deceased Mothers
5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

May 6, 2018

**Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass, Sunday,
June 3, 2018 at 2:15 p.m. At Saint
Patrick's Cathedral**

His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Celebrant
The Golden Jubilee mass is for couples celebrating 50 years of
marriage during 2018.

All those who wish to attend must contact the Parish
Office to register.



Pews will be reserved for Golden Jubilee couples.
Additional guests will be accommodated in pews
outside of the reserved section.

All Golden Jubilee couples will receive a special
commemorative certificate. Couples who are unable to attend the
Mass can request a certificate through their parish.

Registration will close on Monday, May 14, 2018.

**Wedding Jubilee Mass and Celebration
at St. Bart's**

St. Bartholomew's couples who are celebrating their 25th and
50th Wedding Anniversary anytime this year (2018) are invited to
attend the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 10,
2018. They will be blessed and honored during the
Mass which will be followed by a Reception in the
McManus Paris Center. **Please call the Parish
Office, no later than Friday, June 1st to register**
your participation and tell us how many guests you
might be expecting at the Reception.



LOCAL EVENTS

**The Yonkers Historical Society announces a unique tour of
historic aspects of the Monastery Church of the Sacred Heart
in Yonkers**, led by Capuchin Historian Brother Roger Deguire,
OFM CAP. The tour will take place Saturday, May 12th at 1 p.m.
Call the Yonkers Historical Society Office at 914 961-8940 or e
mail at ysociety@aol.com.

**A Memorial Mass will be held at Mount Hope Cemetery on
Saturday, May 19th at 12:30 p.m.** for all of our loved ones laid to
rest in Mount Hope. Mass will be celebrated by Father Matthew
Janeczko of Sacred Heart Monastery, Yonkers, NY.

If you would like to learn the culture, cuisine, language and
traditions of Italy, please contact the **'Italian Cultural School'** at
845 554-5618 and/or e mail at ItalianCulturalSchool@gmail.com
Classes are being held on Saturdays in May and June at St. Ann's
School in Yonkers, NY for 5 to 18 year olds.

St. Catharine Academy Summer TACHS prep program: St.
Catharine Academy's Higher Achievement Program (HAP) for
girls entering 7th and 8th grade will take place from Monday, June
25th to Friday, July 20th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. HAP will help to
strengthen and reinforce English, Math, Reading, and Time
Management skills in preparation for taking the Test for Admission
into Catholic High Schools (TACHS). In addition, the program
includes enrichment courses in Robotics, Art, Writing and Dance.
Please visit our website, www.scahs.org or contact Ms. Tracy
Keelin, Program Director at 718 882-2882, ext. 122 for more
information.