

St. Bartholomew's Church



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Welcome



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**I am the gate.
Whoever enters through me
will be safe.**

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. Daniel Oghenerukevwe, 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. 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

The Lover of Our Souls



After God created the world, He saw that all was good and beautiful. We were to live free of sin and corruption, in a state of grace. But the Devil had his evil plans and our first parents fell for his tricks. And so in came sin, corruption, suffering and death. We lost our beautiful and natural relationship with God (state of grace) and needed to be saved.

Remember the parable of the weeds in Lk 13:24-30? The sower went out to sow seeds, **good seeds only**. But then the Devil was at it again. He sneaked in during the night (Prince of Darkness), while everyone was asleep, and sowed his bad seeds. Once again, we see the beautiful love and care of our God. Rather than hastily pulling the weeds as suggested by the servants, and thereby destroying the wheat, He patiently waits for the harvest time.

So, rather than throw the human race out through the cosmic window, He decides to wait for the right time to redeem and reconcile us to Himself. Enters Christ Our Savior!

One part of the Passion of the Christ that is etched in my memory was when Jesus died on the Cross and descended into hell to free those who had died and had been waiting for redemption and freedom from the Evil One. It was like the climax of His mission.

That scene and the scriptural stories above echo the message from the three readings we have this weekend. In the First reading from the book of Wisdom, we hear of God's mercy on all, which overlooks people's sins that they may repent (Wisdom 11:22). As if that is not consoling enough, the author adds, "For You loathe nothing that You have made; for what You hated, You would not have fashioned" (v. 24). He calls the Lord "lover of souls" Who "rebukes offenders little by little, warn them and remind them of the sins they are committing, that they may abandon their wickedness and believe" in Him (Wis 12:1-2). In the Second reading, Paul prays that God may make us worthy of His calling and powerfully bring to fulfillment every good purpose and every effort of faith (2 Thess 1:11-22). The story of Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10) gives flesh to, and summarizes the whole message: God sent Christ to seek and find and rescue the lost.

When Christ, in deed, truly, sincerely comes into our home/hearts, small and tremendous changes occur. Pentecostals have that favorite question we have heard so often, "Have you accepted Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior?" I always smile whenever I hear it. But there is an eternal truth in it. And when one indeed accepts Jesus as such, his/her emotions and actions will be like those of Zacchaeus: guilt, sorrow, repentance, restitution (righting wrongs done against others), joy, freedom, generosity rather than greed, the list goes on.

How do your emotions and actions and mine mirror those of Zacchaeus?

May the Lord fulfill every good purpose and every effort of faith we make. Amen!

~ Father Raphael Ezech, MSP

PARISH NEWS



St. Bartholomew's Parish will hold a **weekend Novena of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament over 3 weekends**, to pray for the all aspects of our parish and our parish families' lives. The Novena will be held on **Fridays, November 8, 15, & 22** from 9:30 a.m.—7:30 p.m. and **Saturdays, November 9, 16, & 23** from 9:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. and again, from 6 p.m.—8 p.m. Sign up sheets are available in the back of the church or call Cheryl Duda on (914) 476-6676. Please lend your prayers to this effort to spiritually enrich our parish and parishioners.

The **Rosary Altar Society** meeting will be held this Monday, November 4th, at **7 p.m.** in the McManus Parish Center. All women of the Parish are invited to attend.

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 November. The 10 a.m. Mass will focus on our children. The Parish Children's Choir will sing at the Mass. Children are encouraged to sit together during the Mass.



Our **SOCIAL MINISTRY** is having a special **Thanksgiving Food Drive**. For the next two weekends, please bring to church Thanksgiving appropriate, non-perishable fixings, especially, canned sweet potatoes, boxed mashed potatoes, coffee, tea, and juices. Thank you.



We will be in need of **some frozen turkeys, fresh / frozen pies, or fruit** on the **Sunday and Monday morning (November 24th & 25th)** of Thanksgiving week. Due to a lack of refrigerator / freezer storage space, we can only accept pies or turkeys at the lower level of the Rectory **before each Mass that Sunday or on Monday morning between 7:30 and 9 a.m.** for distribution on that Monday morning.

SHARING COMMUNITY MEAL: This Thursday, November 7th, 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. Please keep up the good work! For information, please call the Parish Office.

CALLING ALL SENIORS! CALLING ALL SENIORS!

Thursday, November 7th

9 a.m. Mass with a Special Blessing, followed by light refreshments and gathering at the McManus Parish Center. Registered Dietician, Patricia Szeliga, will give a presentation & answer questions.

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

WELCOMING OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

We especially want to welcome these families who joined or returned to our Parish family since July:

Guadalupe and Francisco Ahoqui & Family
Carolyn and Ivan Arroyo & Family
Mildred and Rafael Azcona & Family
Susan Azzara and Mario Borrani & Family
Debi Bruno & Family
Yamilka Cruz
Marlena Caban-Pacheco & Family
Noor and Brian Devitt & Family
Amanda DiCaprio and Stephen Poncurak & Family
Nicole and Victor Garcia & Family
Mariana Gegovic & Family
Andrea Hanrahan & Family
Kelly Hanretta
Victoria and James Lucas & Family
Jennie Maldonado-Vasquez & Family
Maura and William Maloney & Family
Eilish and Martin Millar & Family
Zasembo Mkhize & Family
Awilda and Dante Melo
Yajandra and Ariel Montilla & Family
Ingrid and Francisco Navarro & Family
Feysisayo Obasa
Melissa Perkins & Family
Megan and Garry Shepard & Family
Lisa Suraci & Family
Maritza and Edward Suriel & Family
Luz & Juan Zapata & Family

Please feel free to speak to our pastor or any of the pastoral staff if you need any assistance. Your presence in our parish family means a lot to all of us. Once again, welcome!

SAVE THE DATE

The **Family Faith Festival** for families with school age children will be held on Saturday, December 7th, from 12 noon to 2:30 p.m.



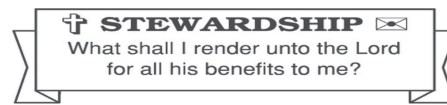
The **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. There will be a meeting this Sunday, November 3rd. All youths age 13 and up are invited.

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.

Come to the Town Hall Meetings this Mon., Nov. 4th, and Thurs., Nov. 7th, at 7 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center for a more in depth discussion of the four main areas of our parish life covered in the survey.



TITHING – GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

October 28, 2012

Adults' Contribution	\$5467.50
Children's Contribution	\$148.00
Last Year's Total	\$5615.50

October 27, 2013

Adults' Contribution	\$5321.50
Children's Contribution	\$115.00
This Year's Total	\$5436.50

REMEMBER YOUR BELOVED PARISH

Remember, *"We make a living by what we earn. We make a life by what we share."* Please remember our Parish in your *Will* as a lasting and loving gift to your parish family. Thank you!



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ethel Thomas, Aldina Pereira, Rebecca Conroy, Andy DeFabritis, Maria Marte, Barbara Rup, Jule Yaskovic, Rosalie Heit, Florence B. Swetz, Clare Yaskovic, Neil Caruso, 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, Donna Vasconez, Nicole Pisani-Frame, Louis Petrulo, Cynthia Swiatkowitz, Jimmy Maimone, Robert Mirsky, 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, Peggy Clevenberg, Gerald Mazzerese, Jr., Patricia Keane, Carol Stola, Amada Ortiz, Karen Aprea, Stephen Sarich, Neil Cawley, Barbara McCormack, Josephine Lehotyak, Lawrence Girsch, Fran Romano, Pasquale Cercone, and Gail Villafana.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially John F. DelBene. *Rest in Peace*

PARISH BIBLE SHARING / STUDIES: Bible Studies is held on the 2nd & 4th Friday of each month at 7 p.m. in the school building. A meeting will be held this Friday, November 8th. It is moderated by our Parochial Vicar, Father Daniel. Bring a friend! Come and have fun exploring the Bible!

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES: If you or an adult you know has not been Confirmed and would like to explore the possibility, please contact the Religious Education Office on (914) 476-6676.

It's never too late! ... If you know of a school age child who has not prepared for First Communion or Confirmation, please contact the Religious Education Office on (914) 476-6676.

November 3, 2013

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, November 2 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Maria & John Spagnola +

Sunday, November 3

8:30 AM Peter Klee +

10:00 AM Anna & Tommy Brucculeri's 67th Anniversary

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

5:00 PM Novena for Our Deceased Loved Ones

Monday, November 4

Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

7:00 AM Novena for Our Deceased Loved Ones

9:00 AM Jim Mahoney +

Tuesday, November 5

Weekday

7:00 AM Novena for Our Deceased Loved Ones

9:00 AM Sarah Menchen +

Wednesday, November 6

Weekday

7:00 AM Novena for Our Deceased Loved Ones

9:00 AM Luciano Labruzzo +

Thursday, November 7

Weekday

7:00 AM Novena for Our Deceased Loved Ones

9:00 AM Dorothy Shannon +

Friday, November 8

Weekday

7:00 AM Novena for Our Deceased Loved Ones

9:00 AM Donato Sacchetta +

Saturday, November 9

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

9:00 AM Novena for Our Deceased Loved Ones

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, November 9 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Mary & Joseph Cuzzo +

Sunday, November 10

8:30 AM Carl Dietze, Robert & Chester Rodesky +

10:00 AM Patricia Dimitro +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

5:00 PM Novena for Our Deceased Loved Ones

November 3, 2013

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 a visitor.
- I am interested in parish membership.
- 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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PRAYER FOR THE ELECTIONS

Lord God, during this election time it is easy to get wrapped up in the negative, in fault-finding, criticism and contentiousness. Cause our hearts to be sweet and pure, obediently acting as You want Your children to act, with prudence and decency. In this way, we can be Your light shining in our darkened world. May we do everything without complaining or arguing, so that through our examples the world may see You, Who are loving and forgiving.

Lord, You are actively involved in every part of Your creation at every moment. Grant to all Americans a willingness to get involved in this Tuesday's elections, resisting complacency and passivity. Let each one know the value of his or her vote, and let each one exercise their privilege with diligence and faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen!