

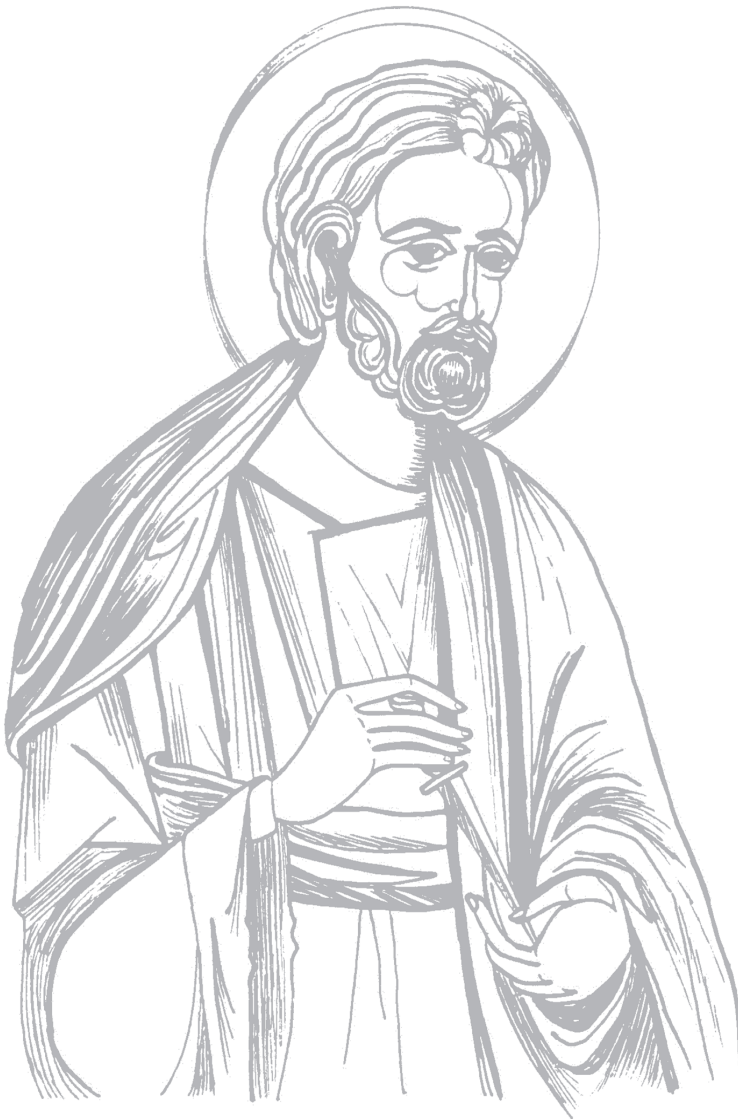
St. Bartholomew's Church



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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

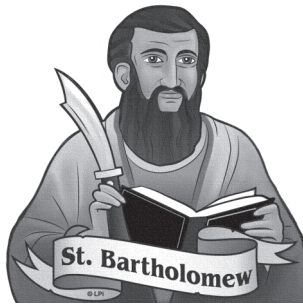
Rosary Altar Society: Meets on the Monday evening after the first Sunday of the month. President, Liz Mulvaney

Bereavement Ministry: For information call (914) 965-0566,
Tina Falcone

Trustees: Angela Brusco, Louis Caloia

FEAST OF THE PATRON SAINT OF OUR PARISH, BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE

AUGUST 24TH



In the New Testament, Bartholomew is mentioned only in the lists of the apostles. Some scholars identify him with Nathanael, a man of Cana in Galilee who was summoned to Jesus by Philip. Jesus paid him a great compliment: "Here is a true Israelite. There is no duplicity in him" (John 1:47b). When Nathanael asked how Jesus knew

him, Jesus said: "I saw you under the fig tree" (John 1:48b). Whatever amazing revelation this involved, it brought Nathanael to exclaim, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God; You are the King of Israel" (John 1:49b). But Jesus countered with, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this" (John 1:50b).

Nathanael did see greater things. He was one of those to whom Jesus appeared on the shore of the Sea of Tiberias after His resurrection (see John 21:1-14). They had been fishing all night without success. In the morning, they saw someone standing on the shore though no one knew it was Jesus. He told them to cast their net again, and they made so great a catch that they could not haul the net in. Then John cried out to Peter, "It is the Lord."

When they brought the boat to shore, they found a fire burning, with some fish laid on it and some bread. Jesus asked them to bring some of the fish they had caught, and invited them to come and eat their meal. John relates that although they knew it was Jesus, none of the apostles presumed to inquire who He was. This, John notes, was the third time Jesus appeared to the apostles.

COMMENT: Bartholomew or Nathanael? We are confronted again with the fact that we know almost nothing about most of the apostles. Yet the unknown ones were also foundation stones, the twelve pillars of the new Israel whose twelve tribes now encompass the whole earth. Their personalities were secondary (without thereby being demeaned) to their great office of bearing tradition from their firsthand experience, speaking in the name of Jesus, putting the Word made flesh into human words for the enlightenment of the world. Their holiness was not an introverted contemplation of their status before God.

The simple fact is that humanity is totally meaningless unless God is its total concern. Then humanity, made holy with God's own holiness, becomes the most precious creation of God.

From *Saint of the Day*, edited by Leonard Foley, O.F.M. & Pat McCloskey, O.F.M.

PARISH NEWS

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES



Religious Education helps to build a strong foundation

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 information.

WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC OR LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Do you recognize yourself in any of these statements?

- ◇ I have never been baptized and want to learn more about the Catholic faith.
- ◇ I was baptized in another Christian religion and now wish to become Catholic.
- ◇ I was baptized Catholic, but have not received any other sacraments and little if any religious instruction.
- ◇ I am married to a Catholic and attend Mass and would like to receive the Sacraments.



To learn more call Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676.

A **Parish Pilgrimage** is planned for the Year of Mercy for Saturday October 15th to the National Shrine of Mary Help of Christians. The cost for the day is \$75 per person which includes round trip bus transportation from our parking lot, a morning of reflection led by the Salesians of Don Bosco, lunch, a visit to the Holy Doors designated by the Archdiocese for the Year of Mercy, and Gift Shop.



Weather permitting, there are outdoor exhibits which include a 48 foot high Madonna, a replica of Don Bosco House, a Padre Pio shrine, life size Stations of the Cross and the Rosary Way (work of Enrico Arrighini in Italian marble).

Reservations can be made by calling Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676 and are on a first come basis.

SOCIAL MINISTRY: Our Food Pantry has an **ongoing need** for canned fruit, juices, pasta sauces kidney or black beans, peanut butter, jelly, sugar and rice. The food pantry services our community all year long. Thank you for your continuing support!!



Plants In Honor of Fr. Anthony Bassey
 There are still items available, (4) emerald green arborvitae. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.
 A plaque will be erected in appreciation to all donors.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH CELEBRATION



Our parish is planning a block party for **next Saturday, August 27th**, 6 - 10 p.m. to celebrate the **Feast of St. Bartholomew**. Besides attending, we are asking for your help with this celebration by providing money donations toward the cost of food and drink.

Please place your donation in an envelope marked with your name. Donations can be given to Parish Office this week. You can also help by volunteering your time to assist us in setting up, etc for the event. Thank you as always for your support!

Please mark your calendar now and plan on being part of this celebration of our Parish Patron, St. Bartholomew!! Hope to see you on Saturday, August 27th!!

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 is this Sunday, August 21st. They will be having a luau celebration.** All youths age 13 and up are invited.

Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ St_Barts_youth.

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.

The **Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers** will hold its annual Communion Breakfast on **Sunday, September 25th**. Mass will be at St. Ann's Church, Yonkers, at 10 a.m. Breakfast will immediately follow at the Fairways at Dunwoodie Golf Course. Cost is \$23.00 per person. Please call 914 423-5331.

MASS FOR HEALING

St. Paul the Apostle Church

602 McLean Avenue, Yonkers, New York 10705

Tuesday evening—August 30th at 7:30 p.m.

Celebrant: Monsignor Jose Puthenparambil

Mission Diocese of Vijayapuram, Kerala, India

Please call 914 965-9333 for further information.

WOMEN'S RETREAT SEPTEMBER 9-11

THEME: JUBILEE OF DIVINE MERCY

Mt. Alvernia Retreat Center, 158 Delavergne Avenue
Wappingers Falls, NY 12590

Cost is \$175.00. The retreat consists of 4 conferences, Adoration, Private and Communal Prayer Times, Reconciliation and Mass along with accommodations and meals. Please call 845 297-5706, ext. 112.

STEWARDSHIP

What shall I render unto the Lord
for all his benefits to me?

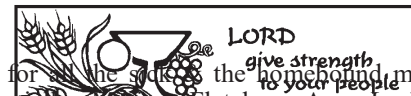
TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING Last Weekend's Contribution Comparison

	8/16/15	8/14/16	Difference
Adults	\$4,873.55	\$4,062.75	- \$ 810.80
Children	\$ 46.25	\$ 47.50	+\$ 1.25
Total	\$4,919.80	\$4,110.25	- \$ 809.55

The second collection in support of Latin America and Home Missions totaled \$879.90

"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!

In lieu of filling out envelopes weekly, please consider signing up for online giving at www.parishpay.com or use the forms at the rear of the church. Thus far, we have 8 families that have signed up.



Please pray for the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially ~~Marian Fletcher, Ann Lactner, Richard Meyers, Rosalie Heit, Andrea Objay, Margaret Maccia, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Charles Wighton, Michael Tomanelli, Ariella Castillo, Gail Chappory, Randolph Castillo, Jr., Deacon Pat Troy, Deacon Jim Byrne, Gregory Clemens, Florence McCormack, Mary Bryce, Anna Bonacci, William Flower, Efrain Arzola, Joan Oliver, Henry Joseph, Deacon Bob Clemens, Carolyn Cesta, William Bodack, Joseph Mahoney, Mary De Santis, Leticia Agosto, Joseph Fletcher, Manuel Obalde, Jr. and Rosalia Guzman and Bob Barry.~~

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

*Propagation of the Faith/Archdiocese of New York
1011 First Avenue
New York, NY 10022*

*Reverend Raphael Ezeh, MSP
St. Bartholomew's Church
15 Palmer Road
Yonkers, NY 10701*

Dear Fr. Ezeh,

Thank you for your check in the amount of \$2,023.30 representing the Mission Cooperative Plan collection taken in your parish for the benefit of the Apostolic Vicariate of Bomadi in Nigeria.

*Sincerely,
Angela Torres, Mission Coordinator*

AUGUST 21, 2016

*Mass for the
Intentions  for the
Week*

**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, August 20 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM John Bryce +

Sunday, August 21

8:30 AM Robert Liddell +
10:00 AM Bernard Mistal +
11:30 AM Frank & Carmela Legio +
5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, August 22

Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Father Lee +

Tuesday, August 23

Weekday

7:00 AM Medardo Hernandez +
9:00 AM Frank Jablecki +

Wednesday, August 24

Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Dominick Sinopoli +

Thursday, August 25

Weekday

7:00 AM Deceased Members of Bolduc & Savard Families
9:00 AM Virginia Hanley +

Friday, August 26

Weekday

7:00 AM Robert Joshua Batac (living)
9:00 AM Linda Sarich +

Saturday, August 27

Saint Monica

9:00 AM Brian Shannon (living)

**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, August 27 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Sunday, August 28

8:30 AM Elizabeth Laredo +
10:00 AM Caroline Hoffman +
11:30 AM Frank & Carmela Legio +
5:00 PM Radames & Luis Angel Blanco +

AUGUST 21, 2016

**TAKE A CHANCE YOU
ONLY HAVE TWO WEEKS
LEFT**

St. Bartholomew's Church Scratch off Raffle
\$10 per ticket/Win 100 \$5.00 Scratch Off Tickets
Winning Ticket will be drawn at the September Family Breakfast
Fill out information below and return with your \$10 in the
collection basket or to the Parish Office for a chance to win!!!

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

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.
- 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.