

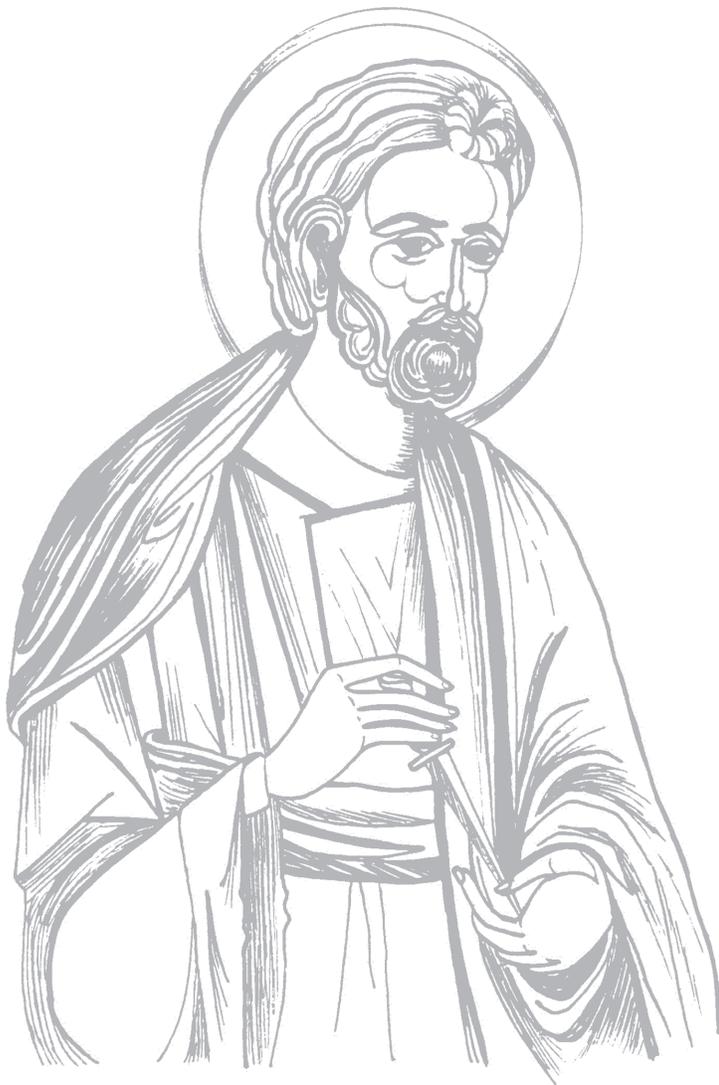
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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and 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

"15 Promises To Those Who Say The Rosary"



Those were the request of Our Blessed Mother at Fatima in 1917. I've been reflecting, researching and writing on the various ministries we have here at St. Bart's and the new ones we plan to form. This week, one of those I completed was the daily rosary here at St. Bart's after our 9:00 am Mass. As we enter the Lenten Season this week, I want to invite us to increase our sense and appreciation of this beautiful prayer that we should be ever proud of as Catholics. Besides, many of us are not even aware of, or have forgotten the many, many beautiful reasons why we should said the rosary more often. I decided to share them with you.

These are not just mere reasons but promises from Our Blessed Mother to all who would recite the prayer daily (or as often as you can). These aren't insignificant promises, but rather enormously helpful graces provided to those who are trying to live a good and faithful Catholic life:

1. To all those who shall pray my Rosary devoutly, I promise my special protection and great graces.
2. To those who shall persevere in the recitation of my Rosary will receive significant graces.
3. The Rosary will be a very powerful armor against Hell; it will destroy vice, deliver from sin, and dispel heresy.
4. The Rosary will make virtue and good works flourish, and will obtain for souls the most abundant divine mercies. It will draw the hearts of men and women from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire of eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.
5. Those who trust themselves to me through the Rosary will not perish.
6. Whoever recites my Rosary devoutly, reflecting on the mysteries, shall never be overwhelmed by misfortune. He will not experience the anger of God nor will he perish by an unprovided death. The sinner will be converted; the just will persevere in grace and merit eternal life.
7. Those truly devoted to my Rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church.
8. Those who are faithful to recite my Rosary shall have during their life and at their death the light of God and the plenitude of His graces and will share in the merits of the blessed.
9. I will deliver promptly from Purgatory souls devoted to my Rosary.
10. True children of my Rosary will enjoy great glory in Heaven.
11. What you shall ask through my Rosary you shall obtain.
12. To those who propagate my Rosary I promise aid in all their necessities.
13. I have obtained from my Son that all the members of the Rosary Confraternity shall have as their intercessors, in life and in death, the entire celestial court.
14. Those who recite my Rosary faithfully are my beloved children, the brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ.
15. Devotion to my Rosary is a special sign of predestination.

See you on Ash Wednesday. Blessings and peace.

~ Reverend Raphael Ezeh, MSP



MEETING: The **Rosary Altar Society** meeting will be held this Monday, February 8th, at **7:30 p.m.** in the McManus Parish Center. All women of the Parish are invited to attend.

The **SANCTUARY LAMP** for this week has been lit in loving memory of Eduardo Vitullo by Angela Sacchetta

The **ALTAR CANDLES** for this week are lit in loving memory of Vito Traversa by the Traversa family.

CHILDREN'S MASS: Please make it a point to bring your child to our Children's Mass for the month of February. The 10 a.m. Mass will focus on our children. The Parish Children's Choir will sing the Mass. The children are encouraged to sit together during the Mass.

Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday, February 10th. See the flap of today's bulletin for the times ashes will be distributed.

ASH WEDNESDAY and **GOOD FRIDAY** are days of **fasting and abstinence**. **FRIDAYS** during Lent are days of **abstinence**.

FASTING requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two smaller meals that together do not equal a full meal in quantity may be taken to maintain strength. Fasting applies to those between the ages of 18 & 59; others are encouraged to participate to the extent they are able.

ABSTINENCE prohibits those who are 14 years of age and older from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and Fridays during Lent.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Starting this Friday, February 12th and every Friday evening during Lent, we have the devotion of the Stations of the Cross in the Church at 7 p.m. (On Good Friday, Stations will be at 2 p.m. just prior to the 3 p.m. Good Friday Service). It is a Lenten tradition. Families are encouraged to participate together in preparation for Easter.

OPENING OF THE 2017 MASS BOOK



The Mass Book for 2017 will open on **Ash Wednesday, February 10th**. You may come to the Rectory Office immediately following the Masses at 9 a.m. and 12 noon to have Masses offered for yourself and for your loved ones, whether living or deceased.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 11th is **World Day of the Sick**, an observation started by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses and for their caregivers. The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes.

*We will be having a Healing Mass sometime during Lent.
Date to be announced.*

The **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. However, **they will not** be meeting this Sunday, February 7th. 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.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY: Join your fellow parishioners in praying the Rosary after the 9 a.m. Mass on weekdays and Saturdays.

St. Bart's Upcoming Events

*Valentine's Day Gathering
Couples-Saturday February 13th*

*Youth Week
Sunday to Saturday, February 14th-20th*

*Parish Mission
Monday March 7th—Wednesday March 9th*

*Holy Name Pasta Night in memory of Vincent J. Campisi
Saturday, March 12th*

SWEEPSTAKES SOCIAL—SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2016

*There will be a meeting at McManus Parish Center on
Wednesday, February 17th for those who wish to be volunteers
and offer assistance prior to and on the day of the social.*

St. John the Baptist Card Party

St. John the Baptist Rosary Altar Society presents a "Night on Broadway" **Card Party** on Saturday, February 27th, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person. For more information, please call Robyne Liberatore at 914 325-6373.

Mariandale Retreat Conference Center

"Study and Prayer of the Pope's Encyclical on the Environment for All People"

Sessions: Thursday's 2/11, 2/18 & 3/3 from 7—9 p.m. and Saturday's 2/13, 2/20 & 3/19 from 10 a.m.—Noon

Session 1—Our Sister, Mother Earth, and What is Happening to our Common House

Session 2—The Gospel of Creation and the Human Roots of the Ecological Crisis

Session 3—Integral Ecology: Ecological exploration, spirituality, and action
For more information, please call 914 941-4455.



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

	2/1/15	1/31/16	Difference
Adults	\$5,232.00	\$6,497.10	+\$1,265.10
Children	\$ 145.45	\$ 184.70	+\$ 39.25
Total	\$5,377.45	\$6,681.80	+\$1,304.35

Next Sunday, February 14th, we will take up a second collection for Peter's Pence. Please endeavor to donate generously.

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.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ethel Thomas, Aldina Pereira, Rebecca Conroy, Andy DeFabritis, Maria Marte, Rosalie Heit, Florence B. Swetz, Clare Yaskovic, Deacon James Byrnes, Andrea Objay, Carmen Torres, Frank Marra, Deacon Patrick Troy, Josephine Apuzzo, Gary Roth, Joyann Allan, Lois Burton, Mary DeStefano, Shawn Colon, Margaret Maccia, Audrey Falcone, Kathleen Hayes, Marge Muraik, Nicole Pisani-Frame, Louis Petrulo, Cynthia Swiatkovicz, Jimmy Maimone, Roseanne Mercandetti, Louis Brusco, Josephine Daniele, Jennifer Dorsey, Valerie Riccardi, Fatima Panik, Marian Fletcher, Anna Bonacci, Minerva Hernandez, Paula Parente, Bridget O'Malley, Gerald Mazzerese, Jr., Patricia Keane, Carol Stola, Karen Aprea, Stephen Sarich, Neil Cawley, Josephine Lehotyak, Lawrence Girsch, Fran Romano, Rosemarie Petti, Marie Murtha, Mary Walsh, Natalie Marrero, Richard Meyers, Carlo Gentile, Angelo Gianfrancesco, Vince Delgado, Charles Wighton, Michael Tomanelli, Steven Colon, Gina Obalde, Ann Lackner, Ariella Castillo, Brian Detz, John Marietti, Dominick Gravino, Gail Chappory, Agnes Masterson, Gregory Clemens, Randolph Castillo, Jr., Carolyn & Lawrence Mesler, Grace Finnerty, Mary Ann Klobosits, Theresa Venturino, Manuel Obalde, Jr., and Maryellen Esposito.

"Saint of the Day"

Learn more about Saint Bartholomew and all the saints. Go to AMERICAN.CATHOLIC.ORG each day and read interesting stories about the "Saint of the Day". You can sign up with your e mail address and have the daily saint info sent to you each day.

FEBRUARY 7, 2016



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 6 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM George Goresen +

Sunday, February 7

8:30 AM Robert Liddell +

10:00 AM Peter De Mattia +

11:30 AM Donald Cherico +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, February 8

Weekday

7:00 AM A Needy Soul +

9:00 AM Joseph Chimenti (Living)

Tuesday, February 9

Weekday

7:00 AM Rita Bolduc +

9:00 AM Stephen Fecko +

Wednesday, February 10

Ash Wednesday

7:00 AM Deceased Members of Lucchetti & Capuano families

9:00 AM Msgr. Anthony Dalla Villa +

12 Noon Carol Kolnik +

7:30 PM Carrie D'Angelo +

Thursday, February 11

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

7:00 AM A Needy Soul +

9:00 AM Benjamin & Corazon Sotto +

Friday, February 12

Friday after Ash Wednesday

7:00 AM Joseph Martin +

9:00 AM Vito Traversa +

Saturday, February 13

Saturday after Ash Wednesday

9:00 AM Bernie Mistal +

First Sunday of Lent

Saturday, February 13 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Sunday, February 14

8:30 AM Carmine Nicholas Maccia +

10:00 AM Frank & Carmela Legio +

11:30 AM Anna & Anthony Faracco +

5:00 PM Felix Vazquez & Jose Romero +

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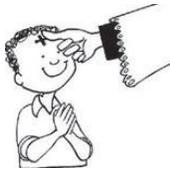


Lent Begins
Ash Wednesday

Metanoia is a Greek word for Lent, which connotes a change of mind and heart, altering one's mind-set toward whole new ways of thinking and acting. Lent is a period where we take a long look at where we are and try to see where we ought to be. It involves testing our values and discerning how they stack up against the values that our Lord Jesus offers His followers. Subsequently, Lent is a time when we acknowledge our guilt for the sins that led to Christ's passion and death.

ASH WEDNESDAY

This **Wednesday, February 10th, is Ash Wednesday** and marks the beginning of Lent. As the beginning of Lent, Ash Wednesday calls us to the conversion journey that marks the season. The readings assigned to Ash Wednesday highlight this call to conversion. The first reading from the prophet Joel is a clarion call to return to the Lord "with fasting, and weeping and mourning." On Ash Wednesday the Church invites us to receive ashes on our foreheads as a sign that during the season of Lent we will make sincere efforts to cleanse our lives of sin, and discipline ourselves through almsgiving, prayer and fasting.



SYMBOLISM OF ASHES

As with all material things which are used as religious symbols, the symbolism of ashes is complex and difficult to understand. In themselves, ashes have little meaning, but they have their own biblical and historical context in the liturgical practices of today. Ashes are an ancient symbol of repentance (sackcloth and ashes). Consequently, when received in the light of God's revealing word, ashes can become a biblical symbol for us, and our desire to turn back to God. When we receive ashes on our foreheads, we remember who we are. We remember that we are creatures of the earth ("Remember that you are dust"). We remember that we are mortal beings ("and to dust you will return"). The reception of the ashes on our foreheads reminds us of the fact that we are God's chosen children on a journey of conversion, hence "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." The ashes remind us that we are members of the body of Christ, and the blotch on our foreheads will proclaim that identity to others, too.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Ashes will be distributed at each Mass on Ash Wednesday, February 10th; Mass times are 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 12 Noon and 7:30 p.m. There will also be a short service with the distribution of ashes at 4 p.m. that day. With the exception of those who are ill, ashes will only be distributed at these Masses and Service.



LIFE LINE SCREENING

will be here again this year at our McManus Parish Center on Friday, March 11th. They will be providing ultrasound screenings for stroke, vascular diseases, heart rhythm abnormalities, and osteoporosis risk. They have partnered with over 150 hospitals across the country and have screened over 7 million participants. More information to follow.