

# St. Bartholomew's Church



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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

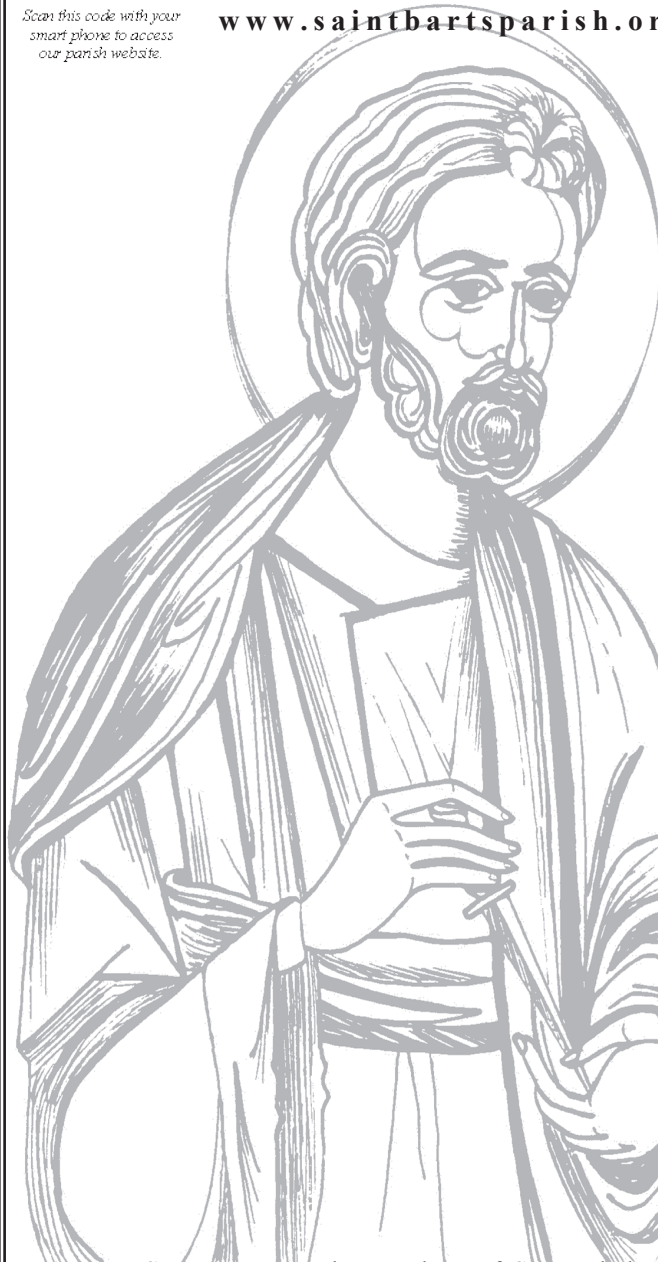
*Holy Name Society:* Meets on the Monday evening after the second Sunday of the month. President, Dan Panik

*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

*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.



## THANKS TO FATHER DANIEL

He began his journey with us in March 2013. Fr. Anthony entrusted him with the task of directing the Youth Group. We all know he has done a wonderful job of helping re-establish our youth program. Fr. Daniel has the ability to establish a personal relationship with individuals, young and old, and with families. It is a wonderful gift that will go a long way to help him in his next parish. I know that everyone will miss his enriching homilies; and members of the Bible Study will miss his insight and unique method of explaining the scriptures. We will all miss him, but I know that our kids, the youth and those he has been counseling will miss him most. When Father Anthony left, his presence helped ease the pain and sadness many felt. And now he'll be leaving us and many hearts are sad again. As I said many times, that has become our lot here at St. Bart's. We (MSP priests) don't stay as long as the diocesan priests, but we work hard to become true members of the St. Bart's family. It's a tribute to you that you have welcomed and accepted us as your very own. These combinations make for very sad and painful goodbyes. But good friendships don't need to end, even when distance separates us. So, as we thank Fr. Daniel and he leaves, we know we'll see him again and again. Fr. Anthony just visited; Msgr. John Kennedy has probably booked his next flight to St. Bart's already. So, it's not all sadness! May the Lord bless Fr. Daniel and his next assignment. May He bless us here at St. Bart's. And may we all continue to build the kingdom of God wherever we find ourselves. Amen.

## FIRST ANNUAL ST. BART'S BLOCK PARTY

At the block party many people asked me how we came up with the idea. I thought it might be good to give a little background here. At one of our parish meetings, Fr. Daniel suggested that we find ways to celebrate our Patron, St. Bartholomew. Months later, at our Pastoral Council meeting, it was suggested that we try a block party as part of the celebration. The idea actually died but was resurrected at our last meeting before the summer break. A committee was set up to plan and implement it.

Another strong reason is to increase our visibility. We continue to hear from some visitors that St. Bart's is not as visible as we the members actually believe or would love it to be. We thought a block party would go a long way to letting our neighbors know WE'RE HERE!!

So, we wanted it to be part of our evangelization efforts. As we went around during our door-to-door visits we did meet a lot of people, especially youths and young adults. It was nice for our youths to invite them to something that could be fun. This could be an annual routine, serving several purposes. Someone noted that since we charge for our Family Day celebration, it was nice that the block party was free for those unable to be part of the Family Day.

## IN THANKS &amp; PRAISE

Our sincere gratitude goes to all who helped to make the Block Party a wonderful success. Many thanks to the Social Ministry Committee led by John McKenna. Thanks to the various ministries that donated prize items and other contributions. Many donated generously and covered the cost of the event. Again, we did want it to be free so that every parishioner could be part of it, and your donations made it possible. Many gave their time and talent. We thank Tony Cruz who provided the music. We thank God for the talents we have in the parish. Many thanks to Frank Cutignola who arranged the donation of hot dog & hamburger rolls. We were treated to a wonderful rendition of the song, *His Eye Is On The Sparrow*, by Annie Reynolds, who will be joining our choir. That was her first day visiting St. Bart's.

Have a blessed week!

~ Father Raphael Ezech, MSP



This Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, is Labor Day, a legal holiday. The Rectory Office will be closed. There will only be one Mass that day at 9 a.m.

The **ALTAR BREAD & WINE** for this week have been donated in loving memory of John DiRodio by Theresa DiRodio.



**SHARING COMMUNITY MEAL:** This Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 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. **Note, food can also be dropped off on Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at the school from 5 - 7 p.m..** The Sharing Community truly appreciates our efforts. For information, please call the Parish Office.

## CALLING ALL SENIORS! CALLING ALL SENIORS!

Join fellow seniors for a Mass and Gathering  
Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>

9 a.m. Mass with a Special Blessing, followed by light refreshments and gathering at the McManus Parish Center.



**HOLY HOUR:** This Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, is First Friday. We will have our monthly Holy Hour at 1 p.m. On Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, the Divine Mercy Holy Hour will begin at 3 p.m. All are invited to spare an hour and come to adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist.

**OUR FAMILY MASS:** Next Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate our Family Mass at 10 a.m. All children and their families are encouraged to attend. Mass will be followed by "Family Breakfast" at the McManus Parish Center. All are welcome.



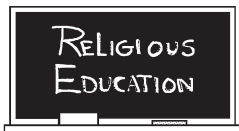
## NEW ALTAR SERVER &amp; LECTORS

We have a new Altar Server, Brandon Cuevas, and two new Lectors, Thomas Bresnan and Kesniela Samarita. We welcome them and thank them for their willingness to serve our parish in these important ministries.

**Anyone in 5<sup>th</sup> Grade or above who is interested in serving our community as an Altar Server or Lector should contact Cheryl Duda (914 476-6676).**

## Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN



Classes for Religious Education for public school children, running September through June, **begin on Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**. On that first day, parents are asked to bring their children to the church for class assignment.

**If it is not too late to register.** Classes are available for children in 1<sup>st</sup> grade through High School senior year, including those with Special Education needs. Classes are available to prepare children of all ages for the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation, regardless of any lack of previous instruction. **All Catholic children attending public schools should enroll in a religious education program.** Please call (914 476-6676) for more information.

If you or someone you know need information on the Catholic Faith or have not been confirmed, please call the Religious Education Office (914 476-6676) for information on the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.) in our parish. **Register now; formation sessions will begin soon.**



### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

*Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God.* Don't let the world's way tear your marriage apart. Strengthen your marriage on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information, call toll free (877) 697-9963, ext. 3 or visit [www.wvme.org](http://www.wvme.org).

Worldwide Marriage Encounter's mission of renewal in the Church and change in the world is to assist couples and priests to live fully intimate and responsible relationships by providing them with a Catholic "experience" and ongoing community support for such a lifestyle.

 **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY:** The ladies of the Rosary Altar Society will attend the 8:30 a.m. Mass next Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. Their next meeting will be next Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. All youths age 13 and up are invited.



**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.

† **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*

	8/18/13	8/24/14	Difference
Adults	\$4,318.00	\$4,605.55	+\$ 287.55
Children	\$ 21.50	\$ 60.30	+\$ 38.80
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,339.50</b>	<b>\$4,665.85</b>	<b>+\$ 326.35</b>

*Next Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, is the first Sunday of the month. We will take up a second collection at all the Masses in support of our buildings and grounds.*

**"WHAT WE HAVE DONE FOR OURSELVES ALONE DIES WITH US; WHAT WE HAVE DONE FOR OTHERS AND THE WORLD REMAINS AND IS IMMORTAL."**

*~ Albert Pike*



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ethel Thomas, Aldina Pereira, Rebecca Conroy, Andy DeFabritis, Maria Marte, Jule Yaskovic, Rosalie Heit, Florence B. Swetz, Clare Yaskovic, Deacon James Byrnes, Andrea Objay, Carmen Torres, Frank Marra, Deacon Patrick Troy, Josephine Apuzzo, Gary Roth, Jyann Allan, Lois Burton, Mary DeStefano, Mark Cianfaglione, Shawn Colon, Margaret Maccia, Nicole Ryan Betancourt, Anthony Spinner, 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, Anna Brucculeri, Gerald Mazzerese, Jr., Patricia Keane, Carol Stola, Amada Ortiz, Karen Aprea, Stephen Sarich, Neil Cawley, Barbara McCormack, Josephine Lehotyak, Lawrence Girsch, Fran Romano, Joe Forlini, Michael Treacy, Rosemarie Petti, Marie Murtha, Mary Walsh, Natalie Marrero, Richard Meyers, John Palermo, Carlo Gentile, Angelo Gianfrancesco, Vince Delgado, and Charles Wighton.

**The Mass Book for 2015 opened** on Ash Wednesday and there are still some dates open in this year's Mass Book, as well. Consider giving a loved one or someone (living or deceased) who has a special place in your life the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. You may have a thanksgiving Mass offered for your loved ones or for yourself on such occasions as birthdays, wedding anniversaries, etc. Also, you may consider offering the altar flowers, altar bread and wine, altar candles, or sanctuary lamp for your intention. Come to the Rectory Office, **Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.** to make arrangements or to inquire about the availability of a particular date.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Theresa Fatigate and Joann L. Annunziata.



*Rest in Peace*

August 31, 2014

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Mass  for the  
Intentions Week

**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, August 30 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

**Sunday, August 31**

8:30 AM Sister Michelle Guerin, OSU +  
10:00 AM Dennis Madonia +  
11:30 AM Deceased Members of Coniglio & Mistretta Families  
5:00 PM Luis Angel Blanco +

**Monday, September 1**

Weekday - Labor Day

9:00 AM Donato Sacchetta +

**Tuesday, September 2**

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Jerry Esposito +

**Wednesday, September 3**

Saint Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Antonio Marchetti +

**Thursday, September 4**

Weekday

7:00 AM Dominic Nguyen +  
9:00 AM Elise Vorburger (living)

**Friday, September 5**

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Frank Salerno +

**Saturday, September 6**

Weekday

9:00 AM Krystyna Bargiel +

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**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, September 6 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Leonardo, Michele, & Carmelo Terrusa +

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**Sunday, September 7**

8:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish  
10:00 AM Mary & Nicholas Maccia +  
11:30 AM Vincent Campisi, Anna & Anthony Faracco +  
5:00 PM Patricia Roth +

**August 31, 2014**

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## **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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practice of the faith and Parish membership, e.g. a letter to be a Godparent or Sponsor. For further information call the Parish Office on 914 965-0566.

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:**

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**Address:**

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**City/Zip:**

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**Telephone:**

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**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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### **ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S BLOCK PARTY**

Last Saturday, our first ever, Block Party in honor of our Patron, St. Bartholomew, was a huge success, thoroughly enjoyed by parishioners and neighbors alike. We visited, we ate, we danced, we played games - a good time was had by all!

A quiz of St. Bartholomew trivia proved to be a challenge, but our parishioners came through. If any declared winner did not receive their prize, please contact the Rectory Office. Thanks to all for your generous support & participation!