

Saint Bartholomew's Church

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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.

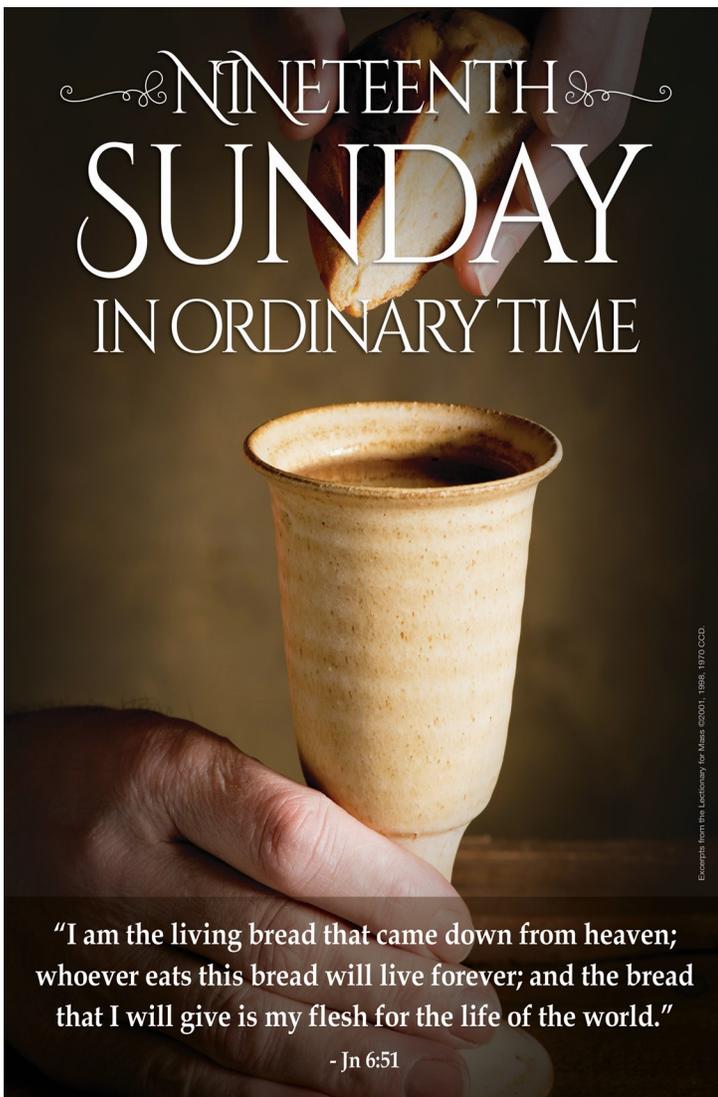
Parish Council: Meets on the Monday evening after the third Sunday of the month.

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



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.

Persistence: That is what the angel of the Lord needs when visiting Elijah in the desert. Notice that one visit was not enough. In the account from the first book of Kings, the angel brought food and water to Elijah and nudged him to get up and eat. Elijah obeys, but then lies down again. So the angel has to return, touch him again, and order him to get up, eat, and begin his journey. This does the trick, as after this second meal, Elijah finally resumes his walk across the desert. Like a parent trying to get their child up for school, one attempt is not enough.

Pastor's COLUMN

How would we treat one another? Saint Paul's letter to the Ephesians sums it up in two verses: Remove "all bitterness, fury, anger, shouting,...reviling,...(and) malice." Instead, "be kind,...compassionate, (and) forgiving" (Ephesians 4:31-32). Eliminate the negative and choose the positive. This is not always as easy as it sounds. It helps to see the goodness, or the potential for goodness, in everyone. "Be imitators of God," in other words (Ephesians 5:1).

The bread that the angel brought Elijah sustained him on a forty-day journey through the desert to Mt. Horeb, a place where he could encounter God. The bread that Jesus gives us, the very bread of life that Jesus is, is meant to sustain us on our journey to God. We may not be prophets like Elijah, but we all have difficult periods on our journey through life. Jesus, the Bread of Life, can sustain us during these times.

Question of the Week:

Can I identify times in which Jesus has sustained me in difficult situations? How can what I receive today sustain me throughout the week ahead?

Blessings

Fr. Raphael

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED MOTHER

Most holy Virgin Immaculate, my Mother Mary, to thee who art the Mother of my Lord, the queen of the universe, the advocate, the hope, the refuge of sinners, I who am the most miserable of all sinners, have recourse this day.

I venerate thee, great queen, and I thank thee for the many graces thou has bestowed upon me even unto this day; in particular for having delivered me from the hell which I have so often deserved by my sins. I love thee, most dear Lady; and for the love I bear thee, I promise to serve thee willingly forever and to do what I can to make thee loved by others also.

I place in thee all my hopes for salvation; accept me as thy servant and shelter me under thy mantle, thou who art the Mother of mercy. And since thou art so powerful with God, deliver me from all temptations, or at least obtain for me the strength to overcome them until death. From thee I implore a true love for Jesus Christ. Through thee I hope to die a holy death. My dear Mother, by the love thou bearest to Almighty God, I pray thee to assist me always, but most of all at the last moment of my life. Forsake me not then, until thou shalt see me safe in heaven, there to bless thee and sing of thy mercies through all eternity. Such is my hope.

Amen.

by Saint Alphonsus Liguori



PARISH NEWS

Wednesday is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are as follows: Tuesday, August 14th at 7:00 PM (Vigil Mass), Wednesday, August 15th at 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, and 7:00 PM. **There will be no NOON Mass on the holyday. The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, August 15th.**

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.

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. For further information, please call Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676.

The Story of the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." The pope proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity. There were few dissenting voices. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church.



We find homilies on the Assumption going back to the sixth century. In following centuries, the Eastern Churches held steadily to the doctrine, but some authors in the West were hesitant. However by the 13th century there was universal agreement. The feast was celebrated under various names—Commemoration, Dormition, Passing, Assumption—from at least the fifth or sixth century. Today it is celebrated as a solemnity.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's Assumption into heaven. Nevertheless, Revelation 12 speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Many see this woman as God's people. Since Mary best embodies the people of both Old and New Testaments, her Assumption can be seen as an exemplification of the woman's victory.

Furthermore, in 1 Corinthians 15:20, Paul speaks of Christ's resurrection as the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus' life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to believe in Mary's share in His glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with Him body and soul in heaven.

Franciscan Media

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

AUGUST

Movie Thursday

St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Thursday, August 16th, 9:30 am to 12 Noon



PARISH BLOCK PARTY CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW

Saturday, August 25, 6-10 pm

Please join us for a fun filled evening.



We also need volunteers, please see the sign up sheets at the back of the church. If you wish to make a monetary donation, please take an envelope marked Block Party Donation at the rear of the church and return it to the Parish Office or drop it in the collection basket next Sunday. Thank you for your support!!

Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ St_Barts-Youth.

Our **EDGE GROUP (AGES 11-13)** meets the second Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building.

Our **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (AGES 4-10)** meets the third Friday each month at 6:30 p.m. in the school building.

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.

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.

LOCAL EVENT

The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers is a social, religious and bereavement organization which helps to meet the needs of its membership. The group meets on the third Thursday of each month at St. Ann's Church, Father Anthony Hall, 31 College Place, Yonkers, NY. Their next meeting is this Thursday, August 16th at 1 p.m. New members are welcome.

The group is also holding its annual Mass at Sacred Heart Church, 40 Convent Avenue, Yonkers, NY on September 23, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. followed by Communion Breakfast immediately after the Mass at the Fairways at Dunwoodie Golf Course. Cost is \$23. All are welcome. Reservations are preferred. Please call 914 423-5331 for more information.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING Sunday Collection Update

Amount Needed Weekly	\$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$5,214.45
Balance	- \$1,785.55
*(Envelopes \$4,774.45 Online \$440.00)	

Amount Needed for Month of August	\$28,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$ 5,214.45

The Collection for Building and Grounds totaled: \$868.75

"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., 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, Theresa Venturino, Nicholas Arzola, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Frank Sanzo, Isabel Medina, Larry Vandak, Lisa Villar, Rosemarie Petti, Paul Sarubbi, Judy Ellsworth, Nancy (Candy) Viola, Lou De Muro, Harold Sullivan, and Carmella Del Bene.

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

Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially Carol Vicino, Jennifer Carole Romanowski and Michael Lockyer.



SOCIAL MINISTRY:

Our food pantry has a need for the following items: : jelly, canned corn, rice and coffee. Please keep this in mind on your next trip to the supermarket. Thank you for your continuing support!!



August 12, 2018

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Saturday, August 11 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Rose Marie Yannicelli +

Sunday, August 12, 2018

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Angela & Amedeo Lepore +
10:00 AM Mary & Joseph Prior +
11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish
5:00 PM Carmela, Nicola and Antonio Romagnoli

Monday, August 13

Weekday

7:00 AM Thomas Forte +
9:00 AM Anthony Di Lello +

Tuesday, August 14

Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Leslie De Brocky & Margaret McGuirk +
7:00 PM Margaret T. Maccia + (Vigil Mass)

Wednesday, August 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Laura Barajas +
7:00 PM Florence McCormack +

Thursday, August 16

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Dianne Milder +

Friday, August 17

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Philip Virga +

Saturday, August 18

Weekday

9:00 AM Nina Angelica Cordero +

Saturday, August 18 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Lucy Tutino +

Sunday, August 19, 2018

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Robert Liddell+
10:00 AM Cynthia Mascetta King +
11:30 AM Deceased Members of Terrusa Family
5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

August 12 2018



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 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 Parish Office. Thank you!

Name:

Address:

City/Zip:

Telephone:

Comment:

- I am interested in parish membership.
- I am a visitor.
- 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.