

# St. Bartholomew's Church



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Rectory/Parish Office : (914) 965-0566  
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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.

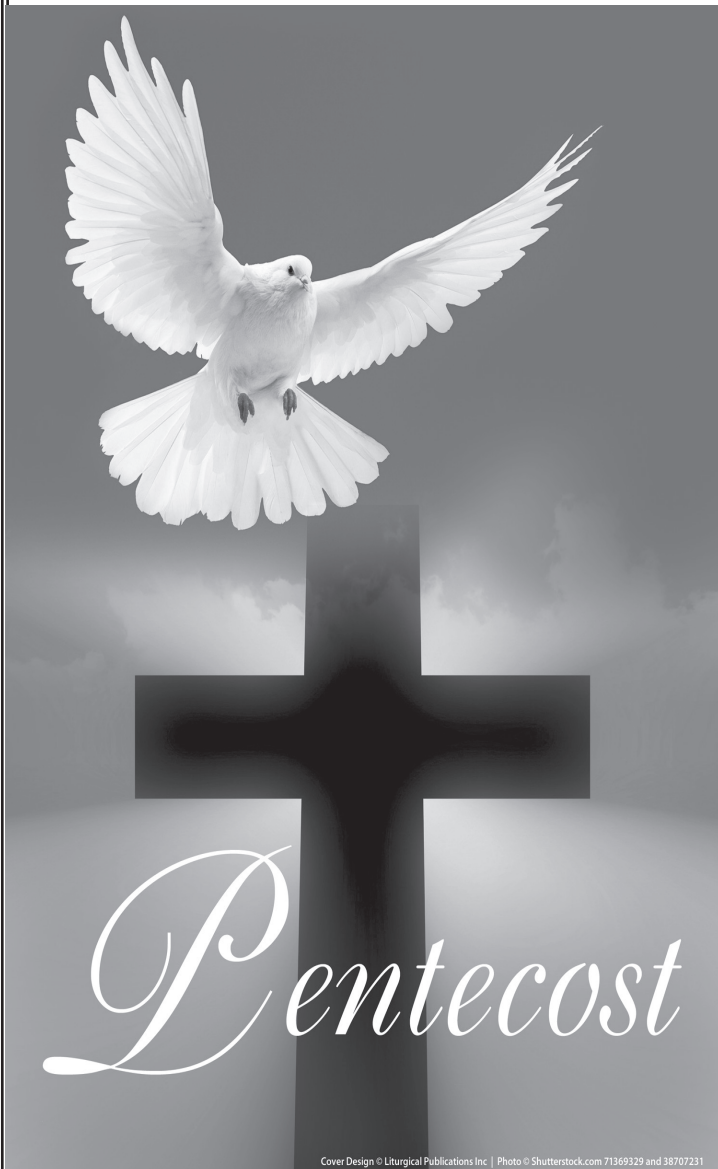
*Parish Council:* Meets on the Monday evening after the third Sunday of the month. Chairperson: Richard Califano

*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



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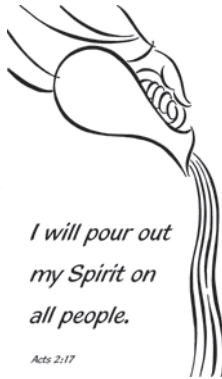
*Mission Statement:* We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and the universal Church. We will strive to enrich our community spiritually, pastorally and socially, and to be a family of worship and prayer for all.

THE SPIRIT AMONG US



Some visitors and visiting priests have asked me where we got the prayer for the success of our Parish Pastoral Plan, saying that it is a rich and beautiful prayer. It's fairly a long prayer, on purpose and we've prayed it for months now, on purpose, too. Apart from it being indeed a prayer, I thought that as we pray it, the realities covered in the prayer (truly thanking God for those who have worked so hard in the past; thanking God for calling us to be part of St. Bart's; opening our eyes to what God is calling us to do as a parish, and as Catholics; asking the Holy Spirit to indeed empower us, etc.) might sink in like rain on the soil, and enable the seed of God's word and the gifts of the Spirit in us to come alive, to sprout, to grow or continue to grow, to bloom and blossom like the spring, to mature, and ultimately to bear fruits, here at St. Bart's, in our families, and in our communities.

All this is at the heart of Pentecost! Weak, sinful and not-so-gifted apostles and disciples prayed and waited for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. And once it happened, their innate gifts and talents, including speaking in languages they never learned, burst open like a rose, or if you prefer, exploded like a bomb. Those who never heard of Jesus heard of Him. Thousands were converted. The communities grew. The sick were healed. The poor were taken care of. Gentiles, Jews, Greek, Romans, Persians, friends and mortal enemies all became one people of God, one body of Christ. The work of God prospered.



In the coming months, after the long prayer for the success of our new Pastoral Plan we'll be moving into the next stage – finalizing the plan and full scale implementation, of course in stages. As we celebrate Pentecost, it is my ardent prayers that the Holy Spirit will keep our hearts and minds open, as a community and as individuals, so that we'll allow Him to use us to move our beloved St. Bart's to greater growth and fruitfulness. May He do the same for you and your loved ones in your families, so that together, we may accomplish the works of God in our time, just like the apostles and the early Christians, and be rewarded as they were. Amen.

**Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.**

WELCOME & GOODBYE

\*We welcome back Fr. Daniel. We missed him. For one thing, I have been able to get some rest. I'm sure you've had time to chat with him and ask him how the wedding and trip went. He might be travelling again, soon, though.

\*We've enjoyed Msgr John Kennedy's brief visit. He leaves Sat, June 7<sup>th</sup>, after the 5 p.m. Mass. I know many of you are not happy that he's going back to Rome, but I am. The more face time he has with the Pope and thereby mentions my name as a great candidate for cardinal, the better my chances. So, safe trip, Monsignor. I've started learning Italian. It's needed, he told me. Anyways, you're always welcome here at St Bart's.

Have a blessed week!

~ Father Raphael Ezeh, MSP

PARISH NEWS



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

MEETING: This Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, the Holy Name Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center. All men of the Parish are welcome.

The ALTAR BREAD & WINE for the week have been donated in loving memory of Carmine Nicholas Maccia by Margaret Maccia & Karen Maccia McKenna.



The SANCTUARY LAMP will be lit this week in loving memory of Anna Baumeister.

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 June. The 10 a.m. Mass will focus on our children. The Children's Choir will sing at the Mass; and all children are encouraged to sit with other children at a designated place during the Mass.



FATHER'S DAY CARDS AND NOVENA

GREAT GIFT FOR



Next Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, is Father's Day. We will have a 9 day Novena of Masses for all our fathers - living and deceased. The Novena of Masses will begin with the Sunday Vigil Mass on June 14<sup>th</sup> and will end on Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. There are cards and/or envelopes at the back of the church. If you want your father, father-in-law or any other father remembered in the Novena of Masses, please fill out the envelope and place it in the collection basket or bring it to the Rectory Office during the week. For Father's Day we will invoke a special blessing on all the fathers during the Masses that weekend.

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. Besides grade level classes, instruction prepares children for Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation. Call Cheryl Duda (476-6676) for information.



**Have you suffered an abortion?** Experience God's love and mercy and begin the journey of healing. Please e-mail the Sisters of Life at [hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org) or call them on 866 575-0075. For men, call Theresa Bonopartis at Lumina on 877 586-4621 or e-mail her at [lumina@postabortionhelp.org](mailto:lumina@postabortionhelp.org).

## Pentecost Sunday

Msgr. John Kennedy is leaving us this Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, to return to Rome. We want to thank him for sharing his priestly ministry with us. We wish him a safe journey and God's blessings on all his endeavors.



The Annual Parish Family Picnic sponsored by the Holy Name Society is scheduled for **Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**, at St. Joseph's Seminary from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Please plan on attending this great family day. To facilitate food planning,

**advance purchase of tickets is required.**

Be part of this family fun time!

Have you returned your Raffle stubs for our Annual Parish Raffle? The winning ticket for this fundraising effort will be drawn at this year's **Parish Picnic on Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**. One lucky participant will take home the 50/50 prize. Contributions have already reached \$2500 and are still coming in - just in time to kick off summer!

**Parish  
Raffle**

### GIANT INDOOR TAG SALE

**Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>**



Donations will be needed and accepted beginning after all the Sunday Masses next weekend & the week that follows. Call the Parish Office (965-0566) to arrange to drop off donations during the week. Clean out your closets / cabinets and help us make this fundraiser a success!

**SOCIAL MINISTRY:** Our Food Pantry has an **ongoing need** for dry goods, especially **cereal, macaroni & cheese, juices, canned fish/meat, canned fruits & condiments, such as mayonnaise, mustard, and ketchup**. Please keep this in mind on your next trip to the supermarket. Thank you for your continuing support!



**Time is running out ....** to enroll in St. Bartholomew's **Defensive Driving Class** being held next **Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. in our school building. The course reduces up to 4 points on your driver's license & will lower your auto liability & collision premiums by 10% for 3 years. The cost of the class is only \$49. To enroll, please call the rectory (914 965-0566) or Chris Morea (718 824-9698). Hurry, seating is limited!

The **YOUTH GROUP** will not meet next Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, because it is Father's Day.

**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.

† **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*

	6/2/13	6/1/14	Difference
Adults	\$6,149.75	\$5,884.75	-\$ 265.00
Children	\$ 110.50	\$ 84.70	-\$ 25.80
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,260.25</b>	<b>\$5,969.45</b>	<b>-\$ 290.80</b>

**"The Collection on Ascension Thursday totaled \$1,408.50.**

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for the maintenance of our buildings and grounds totaled \$1,307.90.**

**"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*



**LORD**  
give strength  
to your people

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, Joyann 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 Swiatkowicz, 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, and Marie Murtha.

### ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA'S MASS

**A Mass in celebration of the feast of St. Anthony of Padua will be held on Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. Please join the ladies of the Rosary Altar Society and Fr. Raphael Ezeh, MSP in this celebration. St. Anthony's bread will be given out. All are welcome! Please bring a friend along!**

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

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:** Held after the 9 a.m. Mass on Mondays.

June 8, 2014

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Mass  for the  
Intentions Week

**Pentecost Sunday**

**Saturday, June 7 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Anna Giuriceo +

**Sunday, June 8**

8:30 AM Carl Laredo & Robert Liddell +

10:00 AM Deceased Members of Lucchetti & Capuano Families

11:30 AM Deceased Members of Zucconi Family

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

**Monday, June 9**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Rita Bolduc +

9:00 AM Elaine D. Dalton +

**Tuesday, June 10**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Mary Florence Sabol +

9:00 AM Marcello Barcello +

**Wednesday, June 11**

**Saint Barnabas, Apostle**

7:00 AM Msgr. Vincent Case +

9:00 AM Pauline Luezzi Gallagher +

**Thursday, June 12**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Deceased Members of Bolduc & Savard Families

9:00 AM Frank Salerno +

**Friday, June 13**

**Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor of the Church**

7:00 AM Fr. Anthony Basseys Intentions

9:00 AM Antonio Vitullo +

6:30 PM In Honor of St. Anthony of Padua

**Saturday, June 14**

**Weekday**

9:00 AM Roberto Capuano +

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**Most Holy Trinity**

**Saturday, June 14 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Fathers

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**Sunday, June 15**

8:30 AM Carmine Nicholas Maccia +

10:00 AM Fiore Brusco & Gabriel Nanoia +

11:30 AM Marcello Barcello +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

