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Sunday Masses: 5:00 P.M. on Saturday; 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 and 5:00 P.M. on Sunday.

Weekday Masses: 7:00AM & 9:00AM 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: Edward Sheeran

Holy Name Society: Meets on the Monday evening after the second Sunday of the month. President, Paul Mercandetti

Rosary Altar Society: Meets on the Monday evening after the first Sunday of the month. Co-Presidents, Joan Liddell and Nancy Pelliccio

Trustees: Joseph Chimenti, Bill Mascetta

Support Groups: N.A.: Monday evenings at 7:30 PM

Brothers and Sisters



put things in order,
listen to my appeal,
agree with one another,
live in peace; and the
God of love and peace
will be with you.

-2 Co 12:11

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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.

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP DEMANDS UNITY!*(Isaiah 8:23-9:3; Psalm 27: 1, 4, 13-14; 1Cor. 1: 10-13, 17; Matt. 4: 12-23)*

Monsignor Joseph Read had been the pastor of St. Augustine's Parish for many years. He was well liked by many of the parishioners. The O'Neill family was particularly devoted to the parish and was very fond of Monsignor Read. A time came for him to be transferred, and when he finally left the parish, the O'Neil family and a few others stopped going to Mass. A few other families moved out of the parish. How often do we hear people say: "When Father 'So & So' is transferred or leaves the parish, I will never go to Church again?" Unfortunately, some members opt not to attend a particular church as long as Father "X" or "So & So" person is still there. Where does the **Real Presence** lie – In individual persons – in the Eucharistic Community – in Christ?

At times one becomes so inordinately attached to *the messenger (the priest)* and as a result loses focus on the *Master (Jesus Christ)*. When this happens, one loses sight of the *Real Presence* of Christ in the Eucharist and in the community of believers. This often results in self-centeredness, antagonism and division. The Church at Corinth was faced with these similar sentiments. Apostle Paul had labored to found the Church at Corinth and when he left, there were other leaders who came after him. There had been some dissention and division, thus, some members claimed: "I belong to Paul, others to Apollos, others to Cephas (Peter), some others to Christ." Paul was disappointed by the *unchristian attitude* of the church at Corinth, and so, he retorted: "Is Christ divided?" *Was Father "X" or Leader "So & So" crucified for you?*

Today's first reading opens with a somber declaration by the Prophet Isaiah, through whom God announces to His chosen people that a glorious era is going to follow a shameful time – His own people "who walk in darkness" are going to see a glittering light. He "has made their gladness greater" and has increased their joy. God further calls on us to rejoice in His presence, as would farmers rejoice at the time of harvest. Jesus is the Light of the world! The Good News we have heard from Him is like a beacon that draws all people irresistibly to God. If we hope to inherit eternal life we must not be content with lesser lights that draw us to damnation and destruction.

Isaiah wants you and me to know that regardless of the challenges we now face as a nation and as God's people, the time of shame and slavery has ended. The time of discrimination and oppression is over – acts of bickering and bad-feelings should be destroyed within our community – acts of division and dissention should be avoided. The light of peace and freedom has shone in the world. The Good News of Christ and the salvation it brings must resound throughout the world. You and I must "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." St Paul also challenges us not be self-centered, but to be more altruistic in our approach and in our relationship to one another.

Therefore, each and every Christian should strive to see that their thoughts, feelings and actions are evaluated in relation to Christ and His Person. All the members of our ecclesial Community of St Bartholomew should be aware of the fact that the risk of disputes similar to those at Corinth can destroy our Community today. Christ has called you and me to leave behind our "boat" of inordinate attachment, and the "net" that encourages and breeds division. Judging by the reality of the moment, as a parish community, we are challenged more than ever, to unite on all fronts, in order to build a more dynamic and vibrant Christian community. We must bear in mind that any form of antipathy or disunity within our midst would certainly undermine our effort to build a warm and welcoming community that spreads the Gospel of Christ's love.

Rev. Anthony Ita Bassey, MSP


PARISH NEWS



We welcome **Rev. Donald Eruaga, MSP**, our new Parochial Vicar, to our parish family. We all look forward to getting

to know him, and hope he enjoys his time with us. Like our Pastor, Father Anthony, Father Donald is a member in the Missionary Society of St. Paul. He was born in Nigeria and was ordained a priest on June 24, 2000.



LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME AT MASS!

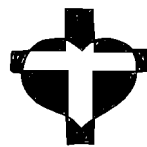
Please make it a point to bring your child to our **Children's Mass** next Sunday. The 10 a.m. Mass will focus on our children. The Parish Children's Choir will sing the Mass. The children are encouraged to sit with other children at a designated place during the Mass.

ATLANTIC CITY TRIP

The Rosary Altar Society is sponsoring an Atlantic City trip to Trump Plaza on Saturday, January 29th, at 9 a.m. For information or reservations call Carolyn on 963-2622 or Dolly on 969-6575.



SOCIAL MINISTRY: Our Food Pantry needs some restocking, especially with rice, peanut butter, jelly, soup/broth, tuna fish, canned fruits & vegetables, pasta sauces, boxed mashed potatoes & juices. **Please keep this in mind on your next trip to the supermarket.** Thank you for your continuing support!



OUR PARISH R.C.I.A. PROGRAM

If you or someone you know needs information on the Catholic Faith or have not been confirmed, please call the Religious Education Office for information on the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.) in our parish.

Catholic Schools Week & "Parish Appreciation Day"

Next Sunday, January 30th, is Parish Appreciation Day at St. Bartholomew's! At the start of our Catholic Schools Week observance, the families of the school would like to express their appreciation to our parishioners who support Catholic education in our school. Parents and their children will serve in the various ministries at the 10:00 a.m. Mass and will host a reception for our parishioners in the McManus Parish Center immediately afterwards. The school building will be open for your visiting of the classrooms and the special areas that your help supports. Please plan to join us so that the school may offer you this small expression of appreciation.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Dear Lord,
Now more than ever,
Your Church is fragmented throughout the world.
In our search for You
We have divided ourselves
Rather than seeking You
As one united people on our pilgrim way.
Help all those who call upon Your name
To show Your light to the world as one family,
One holy nation,
One royal priesthood,
And united as one, holy, catholic and apostolic church. Amen.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY IS FEBRUARY 13TH LONGEST MARRIED COUPLE SEARCH

The search for the longest married couple in the Archdiocese of New York has begun. To enter, the couple must be Sacramentally married for a minimum of 65 years and reside in the Archdiocese of New York. The longest married couple will be honored on Sunday, February 13th, in St. Patrick's Cathedral at the 10:15 a.m. Mass with reception to follow. For further information please call the Rectory Office at 914-965-0566.

Public School Teachers' Appreciation Breakfast

The Catechetical Office of the Archdiocese of New York invites all Catholic teachers in public schools to the Fifth Annual Communion Breakfast for Catholic Teachers in Public Schools. It will take place on Saturday, January 29th, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Riverview Caters, Hastings-on-Hudson. A donation of \$20 is suggested. Sr. Joan Mahoney, CND, will be the keynote speaker.

Come share in the Eucharist and breakfast; meet with colleagues from all over the Archdiocese to celebrate the contributions Catholic teachers make in the lives of their students on a daily basis and the unique gift of their presence in public schools. Registration forms are available through Cheryl Duda (476-6676). Registrations must be received by Tuesday, January 25th.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY: Join Father Anthony and your fellow parishioners in discovering more about the Bible this Friday and every Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the School. Bring a friend! Come and have fun exploring both the Old and New Testaments.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Held after the 9 AM Mass on Mondays.

EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTION: Held the First Friday of every month at 1 PM. Please join us for this most efficacious prayer.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION: Held the First Saturday of every month at 3 PM. 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.

NON-ANON Family Groups: Saturday evening at 7:00pm



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

- The **budgeted** Collection for last Sunday was \$6550.00.
- The **actual** Collection for last Sunday was \$5396.70.

We thank everyone for their generosity to St. Bartholomew's Church. May God bless and reward all your sacrifices for the Parish!



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ethel Thomas, Aldina Pereira, Rebecca Conroy, Alejandra Santander, Amadeu Amorim, Gloria Flanagan, Grace Raguso, Andy DeFabritis, Maryann Tolli, Maria Marte, Julieann Moroch, Ed Carpenter, Barbara Rup, Jule Yaskovic, Rosalie Heit, Dolores Santamorena, Florence B. Swetz, Clare Yaskovic, Neil Caruso, Raymond Fitzpatrick, Sr., Deacon James Byrnes, Andrea Objay, Carmen Torres, John Esposito, Francis Farrell, Mark Baum, Christine Bellino, Deacon Patrick Troy, Josephine Apuzzo, Mildred Moscarello, Edith Dugan, John & Gary Roth, Lena Castaldo, Joyann Allan, Anna Rita Morgante, Frank Marra, Josephine Somma, Carmela Massaroni, Lois Burton, Rose O'Brien, Mary DeStefano, Carmella DelBene, and Frank Umbrino.

REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES, LIVING AND DEAD

Consider giving a loved one the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. Also, you may consider offering the Altar flowers, Altar bread and wine, Altar candles, or lighting the Sanctuary lamp for a week for your intention. Come to the Rectory Office, **Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.** to make arrangements or to inquire about the availability of a particular date.

Archdiocese OF N.Y. - "Making All Things New"

"Making All Things New" is a pastoral initiative established by Archbishop Dolan to create a process for strategic parish planning in the Archdiocese of New York.


Although the process is still in the pre-planning stage, its purpose is to make sure that Mass, the sacraments, and the life of our Faith are available to every Catholic in the Archdiocese, now and in the future.

Priests and deacons who serve in the Archdiocese have already been consulted and religious sisters and brothers will be consulted about the wisest and most effective ways to insure that the human, financial, and brick and mortar resources of our parishes will continue to serve all of us today and in the days ahead.

Now it's our chance to help the Archdiocese make important choices about parish criteria and the structure of our parish planning process.

Our consultation begins with a survey, a copy of which is inserted in today's bulletin. Please take the time to fill it out and return it during the week to the Rectory Office between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. or place it in next week's collection basket. Thank you in advance for your help with this.

JANUARY 23, 2011

Mass  *for the*
Intentions *Week*

Monday, January 24

Saint Francis de Sales, bishop & doctor of the Church

7:00 AM Robert Bruce +

9:00 AM No Intention

Tuesday, January 25

Conversion of Saint Paul, apostle

7:00 AM Maria Loreta Lucchetti +

9:00 AM No Intention

Wednesday, January 26

Saint Timothy & Saint Titus, bishops

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Margaret Foley +

Thursday, January 27

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM No Intention

Friday, January 28

Saint Thomas Aquinas, priest & doctor of the Church

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM No Intention

Saturday, January 29

Weekday

9:00 AM Marie Caloia +

Anticipated Mass for Sunday

5:00 PM Clement Giuriceo +

Sunday, January 30

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Elizabeth Laredo +

10:00 AM Anthony & Josephine Brucculeri +

11:30 AM Caroline Longobardi +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish



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