

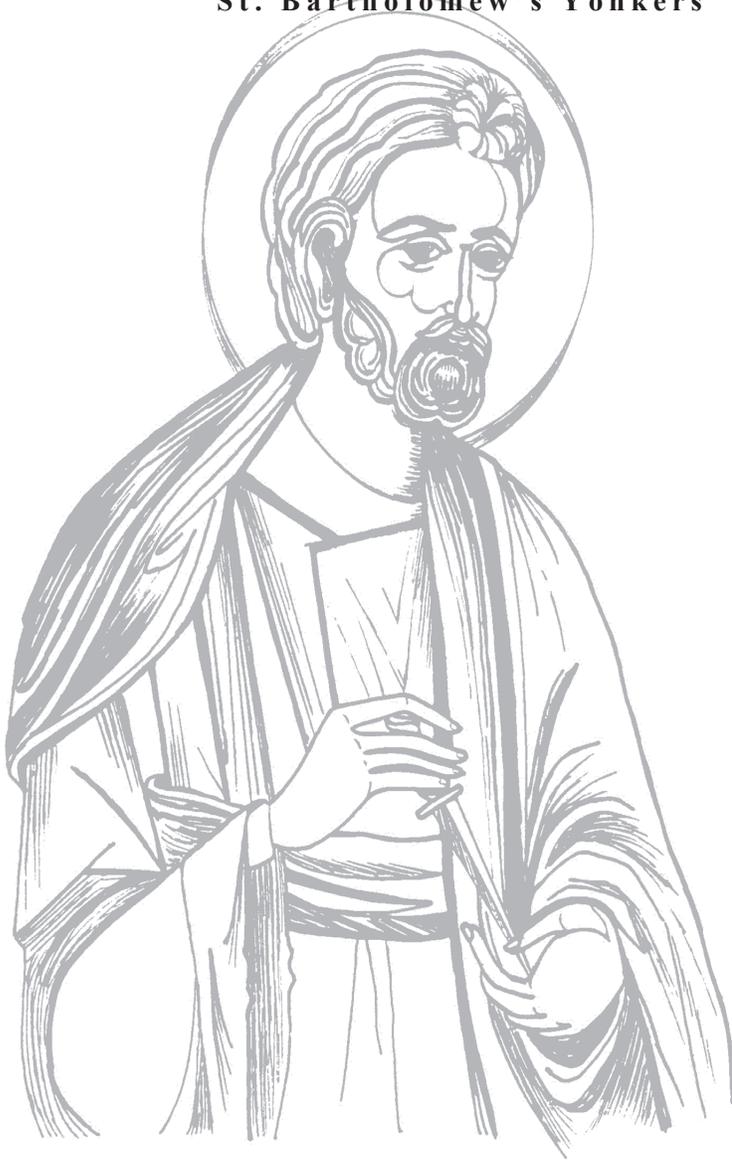
# St. Bartholomew's Church



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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. Chairperson: Richard Califano

*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:* Catherine Hickey, Aureo Pinto

### A Cup of Cold Water

Someone shared how she bought a wedding gift for a dear friend. But getting to the wedding and seeing the bigger, better packaged, and apparently more substantial gifts from others, she felt ashamed and quietly hid her gift and went back with it. I later found out the great effort she put into getting that gift.

Today's gospel is indeed good news to our ears:

*"Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward" (Mark 9:41).*

Few people in the world will get the chance or wherewithal to perform great deeds. But the chance to give a cup of water, cold or warm, purified or straight from the tap, can come our way several times in the course of a single day, unless we live out in the desert.

As Pope Francis visits us, he will leave with us enough challenging and encouraging messages. Many have surmised that he will end up comforting the uncomfortable and making the comfortable uncomfortable. Already, from Cuba to Washington D.C., he has, as has been his tradition, been challenging the government and Church leaders, and indeed all of us, to refocus our attention, our passion, and our compassion on the less fortunate and those who are hurting in our societies.

A lot of things hindered us from doing so in the past, and could still hinder us from doing so now and in the future. One such thing will be what Jesus is trying to clear up today: the quality and quantity of our gifts. A small act of kindness can put a huge smile on the face of another. It can turn someone's winter day into summer. So, our deeds and gifts do not have to be big to be of help and comfort for the receiver. Yes, the quality matters but the heart behind the gift matters most. Any gift from a warm heart goes a long way.

We had our first Parish Pastoral Council meeting for the 2015-2016 Pastoral Year this past Monday. Part of the discussion was on how we need to continue to care for the needy among us. This will include spiritual and health needs, emotional and relational needs, family and social needs, material and academic needs, etc. It is the hope of the Pastoral Council to continue to establish and equip ministries that will help us to fulfill these needs among our parishioners. The Stewardship Committee is central to this endeavor.

In support for the efforts of the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia and in support to our own families here at St. Bart's, we have been praying a 9-day novena, which will conclude this Sunday. Sadly, not many individuals or families turned up for the prayer. I had sincerely wished that many of us, especially our families, would see it as an opportunity to give a simple but beautiful gift of prayer for someone in need. And it isn't that we don't know anyone in need.

As Pope Francis stirs our hearts with the challenge to be generous and compassionate, I hope that we'll explore ways to help each other and those most in need among us and in our neighborhood. Where best should we start except to ask the Lord in prayer to bless and take care of these brothers and sisters. So, in the near future I hope to propose that we start off an intercessory group. Simply, it shall be a group of just about anyone who can commit to say a few prayers a day or a week. We shall have people praying for specific needs of others. It sounds simple and it is indeed simple, but also profound. Who among us cannot give a gift of a cup of water? Who among us cannot give a gift of prayer?

**"Receive no more than you need; giver no less than you can"**  
Anonymous.

~Father Raphael Ezech, MSP

## PARISH NEWS

### CALLING ALL SENIORS! CALLING ALL SENIORS!

Join fellow seniors for a Mass and Gathering

Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>

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

**SHARING COMMUNITY MEAL:** This Thursday, October 1<sup>st</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. The Sharing Community truly appreciates our efforts. Please keep up the good work! For information, please call the Parish Office.



**ADORATION & HOLY HOUR:** This Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, is First Friday. We will resume our Friday Adoration, beginning at 9:30 a.m. through 7 p.m. Our monthly Friday Holy Hour will be held at 1 p.m. On Saturday, October 4<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, October 4<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.



*Rest in Peace*

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Helen M. Syso and Alice Jacob.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

**It is not too late to register.** Religious Education 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.

### SIGHT & SOUND THEATRE TRIP

**Last chance this Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> to reserve your seat to see *The Miracle of Christmas* on Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>,** at the Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA. Tickets are on a first come basis as tickets are limited.

Call 914 476-6676 to reserve your seat today.



**Monsignor John Kennedy** arrived last week and will be spending some time with us until October 3<sup>rd</sup>. We want to thank him for sharing his priestly ministry. We love having him with us!

**FROM THE SOCIETY OF THE HOLY CHILD JESUS**

Dear Fr. Ezeh,  
 The Society for the Propagation of the Faith recently sent us a check for the proceeds from the Mission Appeal given by Sr. Barbara Bartlett on behalf of the the missionary work done by the Society of the Holy Child of Jesus in Chile, Dominican Republic, Ghana, Nigeria and Chad. We are grateful to you for all you did to facilitate this appeal though disappointed we did not have a chance to meet you. Both Sr. Barbara and I worked in Nigeria for many years and have been blessed by the experience. Please let the people know that we appreciate their contribution. We know that every donation represents a sacrifice on the part of the giver. Assure them that what they have given will be used solely to keep our Sisters on missions and enable them to help the people to whom they are sent.  
 You and your parishioners are in our prayers. We have Mass said every month for the intentions of all our benefactors. We ask that you keep us and our work in your prayers.  
 Sincerely in Christ,  
 Sr. Margaret Rogers, SHCJ

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

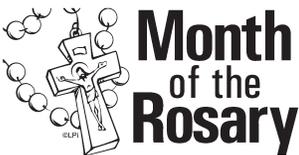
**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:** Held after the 9 a.m. Mass on Mondays.

**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.

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, October 4<sup>th</sup>. All youths age 13 and up are invited.

Remember to invite your family and pray the Rosary with them each and every day throughout the month of October. By praying the Rosary you are requesting the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary for the protection of your family and for the faith and strength to accept any hardship you may be encountering in life. Please make a special effort to say the Rosary with your fellow parishioners after the 9 a.m. Masses, at the First Friday and First Saturday Holy Hours, or with your family at home.



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

	9/21/14	9/20/15	Difference
Adults	\$5,023.60	\$4,769.35	-\$ 254.25
Children	\$ 126.90	\$ 184.90	+\$ 58.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,150.50</b>	<b>\$4,954.25</b>	<b>-\$ 196.25</b>

There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection next Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 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, 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 Swiatkiewicz, 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, Barbara McCormack, Josephine Lehotyak, Lawrence Girsch, Fran Romano, Joe Forlini, 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, Angelica Blanco, Joseph Melillo, Gail Chappory, Agnes Masterson, Gregory Clemens, Carol Hoffman, Randolph Castillo, Jr., Carolyn & Lawrence Mesler, Grace Finnerty, Sister Eileen Burns, OSF, Mary Ann Klobosits, and Theresa Venturino.



**OKTOBERFEST**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**6:00 PM**  
**MCMANUS PARISH CENTER**

Sponsored by the Holy Name Society in honor of Steven Hickey. See the flyer in today's bulletin.

Mass  for the Intentions  Week

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, September 26 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Jerry Pisacreta & Betty D'Angelo +

**Sunday, September 27**

8:30 AM Mildred & Michael Pollick +

10:00 AM Frank Lutomski, Sr. +

11:30 AM Michael DiVenuto +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

**Monday, September 28**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Antoinette Cognatello +

**Tuesday, September 29**

**Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Angela Rush +

**Wednesday, September 30**

**Saint Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church**

7:00 AM Emily Lavelle +

9:00 AM Blanche & Giacomo Bilancia +

**Thursday, October 1**

**Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church**

7:00 AM Louis J Pucca +

9:00 AM Annetrud Cordes +

**Friday, October 2**

**The Holy Guardian Angels**

7:00 AM Stephanie DeRosa (Living)

9:00 AM Nick Lalli +

**Saturday, October 3**

**Weekday**

9:00 AM Joseph Del Bene +

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**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, October 3 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Maria & John Spagnola +

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**Sunday, October 4**

8:30 AM Elizabeth & Carl Laredo +

10:00 AM Albert Gregorio & Antoinette Cognatello +

11:30 AM John Del Bene +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

**SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL, &  
RAPHAEL  
ARCHANGELS**

September 29



Angels are spirits without bodies, who possess superior intelligence, gigantic strength, and surpassing holiness. They enjoy an intimate relationship to God as His special adopted children, contemplating, loving, and praising

Him in heaven. Some of them are frequently sent as messengers to men from on high.

This feast celebrates three angels who were sent by God to man over the course of the ages: Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael. They are termed Archangels, the second of nine choirs of Angels, which are in descending order: Seraphim, Cherubim, Thrones, Dominations, Virtues, Powers, Principalities, Archangels, and Angels.

The name Michael signifies “Who is like to God?” and was the war cry of the good angels in the battle fought in heaven against Satan and his followers. Holy Scripture describes St. Michael as “one of the chief princes,” and as leader of the forces of heaven in their triumph over the powers of hell. He has been especially honored and invoked as patron and protector by the Church from the time of the Apostles. Although he is always called “the Archangel,” the Greek Fathers and many others place him over all the Angels - as Prince of the Seraphim.

The name Gabriel means “man of God,” or “God has shown Himself mighty.” It appears first in the prophecies of Daniel in the Old Testament. This angel announced to Daniel the prophecy of the seventy weeks (Daniel, 9, 21-27). His name also occurs in the apocryphal book of Henoch. He was the Angel who appeared to Zechariah to announce the birth of St. John the Baptizer (Luke 1, 11). Finally, he announced to Mary that she would bear a Son Who would be conceived of the Holy Spirit, Son of the Most High, and the Savior of the world (Luke 1, 26).

The name Raphael means “God has healed.” This Angel first appears in Holy Scripture in the Book of Tobit. He acts as a guide to young Tobiah on his journey to Rages, a city in the country of the Medes, east of Nineveh, to collect a debt owed to his father. The Angel binds the demon Asasel in the desert of Egypt, helps Tobiah to find a wife and recover the debt, and heals Tobit from his blindness. He then reveals his identity: “I am the Angel Raphael, one of the seven who stand before the throne of God.”

**PRAYER:** *God, with great wisdom You direct the ministry of Angels and men. Grant that those who always minister to You in heaven may defend us during our life on earth. Amen.*

**From *Lives of the Saints*, revised by Rev. Hugo Hoever, S.O.Cist., Ph.D.**