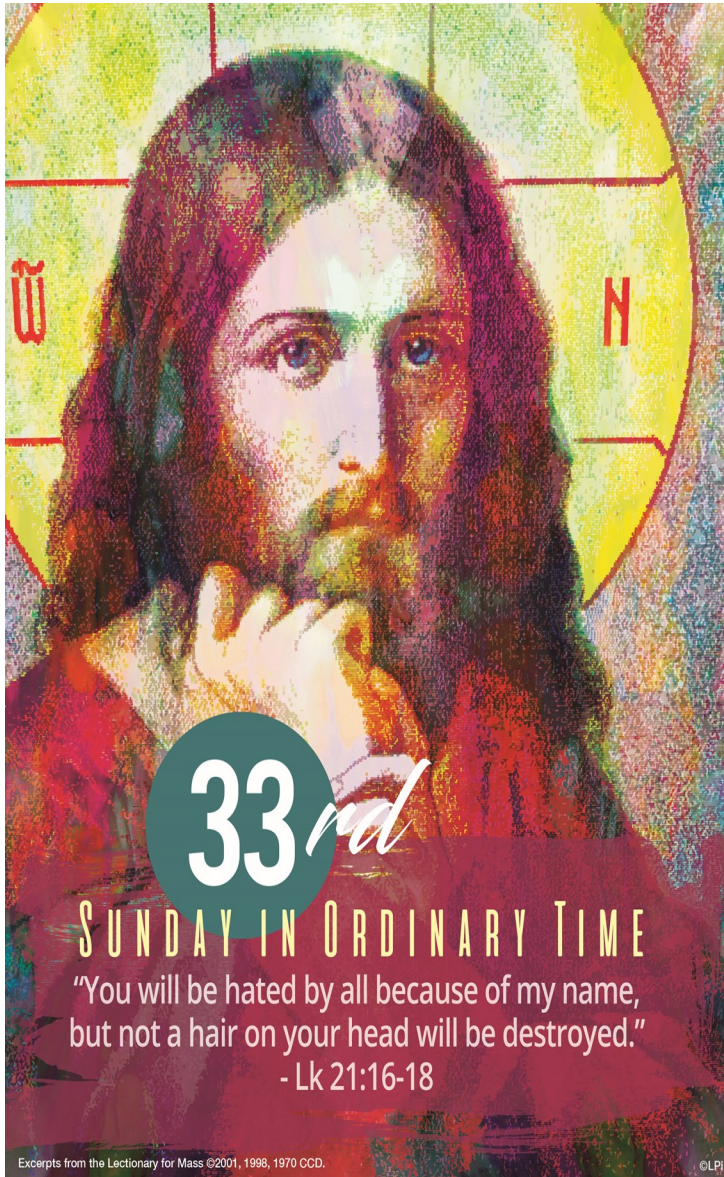


# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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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  
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

Masses: 5:00 p.m. on Saturday (Vigil);  
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, Joseph Chimenti

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

Apocalyptic literature can be difficult to understand, especially out of context. It flowered in the centuries before Jesus was born, but continued for centuries afterwards, when the church was persecuted by the Roman government.



Apocalyptic writings foresaw a dramatic and violent end of the world, imagining current hardships magnified a hundredfold. The events that they imagined—natural disasters, wars, persecution—were enough to drive most people to fear or despair. But there was always consolation for those who were worthy, because God is more powerful than any earthly disaster. Luke reassures his audience with Jesus' words of comfort. "Do not be terrified... not a hair on your head will be destroyed" (Luke 21:9, 18). There is a larger plan and the faithful will be delivered.

It's not difficult to imagine that the world could be ending soon, what with terrorism, mass shootings, and global warming. But the lesson from today's readings apply to our era as well. Yes, terrible things are happening and will continue to happen. But this still "will not immediately be the end" (Luke 21:9). "the sun of justice with its healing rays" will arise (Malachi 3:20).

So what should we do: Saint Paul provides a model. We often think of Paul as a preacher, and this is certainly true, but he also taught by example. He worked "in toil and drudgery, night and day," to set an example to imitate (2Thessalonians 3:8). Some Christians did not follow his lead, so he had to tell them that if they did not work, they should not expect to eat! The lesson: Working to build the kingdom of God was as necessary as food.

#### QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Do I continue to meet my responsibilities even during difficult times? How can I bring myself to hope for healing justice in the midst of terrible events?

*Blessings*

*Fr. Raphael, Ezech, MSP*

#### CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

Our traditional Advent and Christmas candle set (\$100), and 4 Christmas wreaths (\$125 each) can be donated in memory of loved ones. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested at 914 965-0566. More items will be listed in next week's bulletin.



## PARISH NEWS



The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will meet this Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Rectory Basement. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

#### THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION:

(popularly known as RCIA) is the process designed by the Church for adults to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion.

See more details on the back flap of the bulletin.



#### SOCIAL MINISTRY Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive

The Social Ministry group is having a special Thanksgiving Food Drive for the weekends beginning on November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> through November 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

Please bring to church Thanksgiving appropriate, non-perishable fixings especially canned vegetables, canned sweet potatoes, canned fruit, boxed mashed potatoes, coffee, tea, and juices, etc. We will be in need of some frozen turkeys, fresh/frozen pies, or fruit, which can be brought anytime beginning on November 10<sup>th</sup>. In addition, in coordination with the social ministry group, the Religious Education students will be placing bags at the rear of the church. You can place your donated "Thanksgiving items" in these bags. Thank you for your generosity!!!



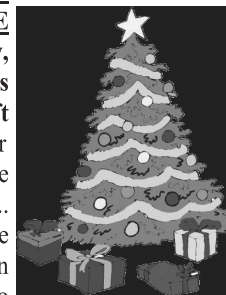
#### MUSICIAN NEEDED

The Sunday 5 p.m. choir is in need of a guitarist. Please contact Joe Chimenti at 914 843-7767 or contact the Parish Office.

#### MARRIAGE BANNS Third Time

Anthony Cognatello and Marissa Sannella

THE WOMEN OF THE PARISH ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE MEMBERS OF THE ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY on Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> for their annual Christmas dinner at Fogarty's (at 6:30 p.m.) at 60 Kraft Avenue in Bronxville, NY. The cost is \$30 per person which includes the tip. Reservations are required no later than Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. Please RSVP to Liz at 914 403-8844 or contact the Parish Office. Payment marked RAS dinner can be dropped in the collection basket or brought to the Parish Office.



**Parish Events**



**NOVEMBER EVENTS**

St Bart's will be conducting the 94<sup>th</sup> blood drive in the 38 years since starting in 1981 on Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, at the McManus Parish Center from 1:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. St Bart's parishioners and friends have made 7035 donations to date. We are traditionally asked to run drives during holiday periods when the need for blood is great and the donations are usually down. Your support is just one of many things that make St. Bart's special. We are also looking for volunteers to help out for two hours on drive day. If you can donate or volunteer, please call Tony Sciacca @ 423-3592 for an appointment and tell your family and friends too.

**DECEMBER EVENTS**

Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> RAS Christmas Dinner  
 Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, Our Lady Of Guadalupe Celebrations (more details to follow in upcoming weeks)  
 Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, and Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. The Nativity Play in the Church presented by our very own St. Bart's Parishioners  
 Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, Reconciliation Monday

**SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING  
 EASY LINK FROM THE PARISH WEBSITE**

You can set up separate one time or recurring donations for the different collections (regular weekly, snow removal, Christmas, etc.) or you may wish to begin with the regular collections, try it out and when you are comfortable, you can sign up for the others. Also, know if you set up for recurring donations, you are in full control and can always change or cancel at any time. And by donating in this manner you may get the added benefit of accumulating additional points or cash on your credit card while at the same time helping out the parish. So, give it a try and sign up today!!!! **(WE SHARE HAS REPLACED PARISH PAY)**

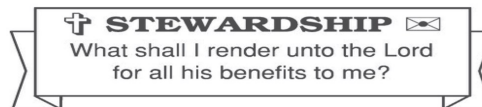
**LOCAL EVENTS**

**VENERATING THE RELICS OF PADRE PIO**

The Immaculate Conception Church (53 Winter Hill Road, Tuckahoe, NY), will be hosting authentic relics of Padre Pio touring the United States on **Saturday, November 23, 2019**, from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Following the veneration of the relics there will be a "Mass in honor of Padre Pio" at 5 p.m.

Learn practical steps for navigating end of life decisions for yourself or for your loved ones. This free and informative workshop will give you the tools to access quality care, protect your loved ones and understand Church teachings on end of life. Held on **Saturday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10a.m. to 12 Noon at St. Ann's Church in Yonkers (854 Midland Ave)**. Featured Speakers: **Ed Mechmann**, Archdiocese of New York Director of Public Policy, **Lynda Holler**, author of "My Name is Kenny I Can't Talk" and **The Sisters of Life**. Email: [advocatesoflife@optonline.net](mailto:advocatesoflife@optonline.net) with any questions.

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 Thursday, November 21st. A guest speaker from the Senior Programs of Yonkers will be speaking about workshops available for older adults of Yonkers. Members and guests are welcome. For more information, please call 914 423-3331.



**TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING  
 Sunday Collection Update**

**November 10, 2019– Tithing**

Envelopes	\$4,905.20
Online	\$ 700.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,605.20</b>

**The Second Collection in Support of Military Services  
 totaled: \$874.75**

"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 fill out the cards  
 at the rear of the Church.**



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ann Lackner, Louis Brusco, Gail Chappory, Anna Bonacci, Deacon Bob Clemens, Mary DeSantis, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Larry Vandak, Harold Sullivan, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Edison Blanco, Steven Sarich, Larry Mesler, John McKenna, Antony Gorge Ferreira, Jerry Esposito, Jeri Michele Sugrue, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Ann Pezzola, Edith Kelly, Carole Romanowski, Theresa Chappory, Susan Rivera, Kenneth Chappory, Rosemarie Bartolomeo, Ann McShane, Frank Marra, Ellen Chimenti, Doreen Madonia, Gianna Whitehead and Gloria DeLuccy.

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

Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets in the school building on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass. **Their next meeting is THIS Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.**

Our **EDGE GROUP (AGES 11-13)** meets in the school building on the second Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass. **Their next meeting is Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.**

Our **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (AGES 4-10)** meets the third Friday each month at 6:30 p.m. in the school building. **Their next meeting is Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

November 17, 2019

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Mass  for the  
Intentions Week

**Saturday, November 16 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Helen Clemens +

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**Sunday, November 17, 2019**

**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 AM Theresa Sarich, Anna Lawrence & Alfred  
and Audrey Falcone +

10:00 AM Rita & Edward Hoffmeister +

11:30 AM For All The People of Our Parish

5:00 PM Joseph T. Pasqualoni, III +

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**Monday, November 18**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Technical Sargent Anthony Romanowski +

9:00 AM Deceased Members of Del Bene & Salerno families

**Tuesday, November 19**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM For the Health of Zef Ivezaj (Living)

9:00 AM Maria Nguyen +

**Wednesday, November 20**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM For the Health of Zef Ivezaj (Living)

9:00 AM Lou De Muro +

**Thursday, November 21**

**The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

7:00 AM For the Health of Zef Ivezaj (Living)

9:00 AM Patrick V. Fox +

**Friday, November 22**

**Saint Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr**

7:00 AM For the Health of Zef Ivezaj (Living)

9:00 AM Edith D'Aquila +

**Saturday, November 23**

**Weekday**

9:00 AM Charles Sciacca +

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**Saturday, November 23 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Albert Pragana +

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**Sunday, November 24, 2019**

**Our Lord Jesus, King of the Universe**

8:30 AM Antonio D'Addario +

10:00 AM Joseph Bracchitta +

11:30 AM Maura Cecilia Pereyra +

5:00 PM David & Thanh Nguyen (Living)

**November 17, 2019**

**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.

Every family and single adult to be considered an active parishioner of St. Bartholomew's Parish must be properly registered in the Parish, receiving and regularly using the Parish Weekly Collection Envelopes. Only in this way can the Pastor issue documents attesting to Catholic practice of the faith and Parish membership, e.g. a letter to be a Godparent or Sponsor. For further information call the Parish Office at (914) 965-0566.



If you have not registered, please fill out 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.
  - 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.
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**WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC OR LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?**

Do any of these describe you? Check all that apply and return.

- \_\_\_\_\_ I have never been Baptized and want to learn more about the Catholic faith.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I was Baptized as a Christian, and I wish to become Catholic.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I was Baptized Catholic but have not received any other Sacraments.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am Married to a Catholic and would like to receive the Sacraments.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am Baptized, made my First Communion, but was never Confirmed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have a friend that would like to become Catholic.
- \_\_\_\_\_ My \_\_\_\_\_ needs to make their First Communion and Confirmation.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to: Cheryl Duda, St. Bartholomew's Religious Ed or drop in collection basket or call Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676.