

St. 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.

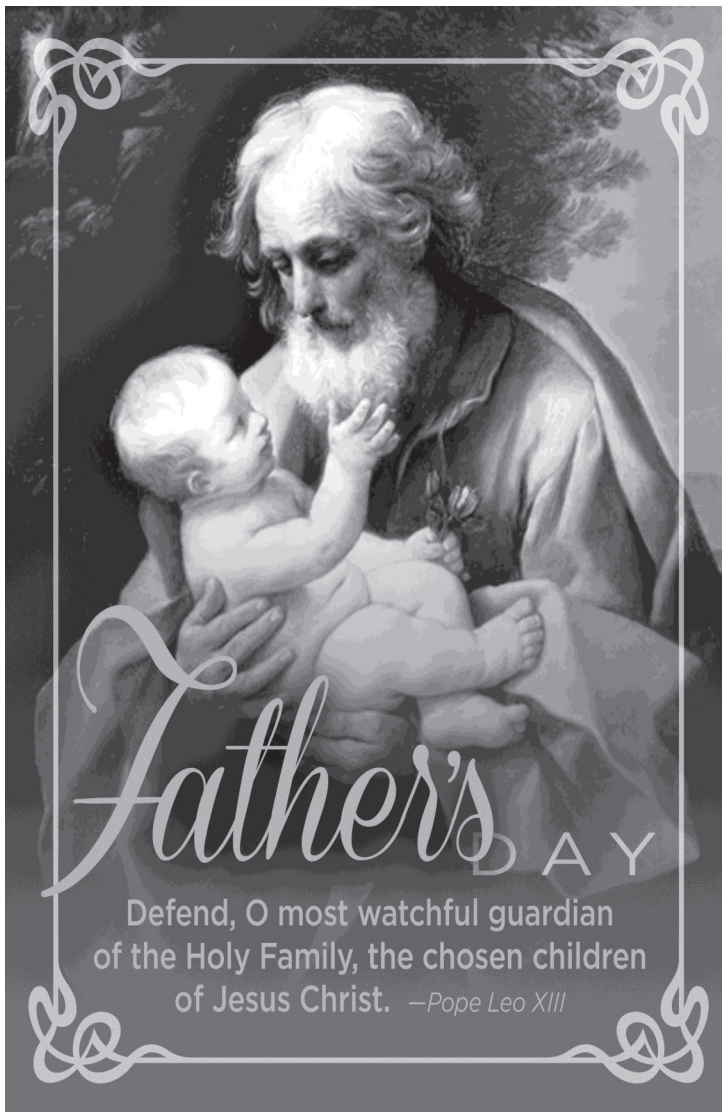
Parish Council: Meets on the Monday evening after the third Sunday of the month.

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: Angela Brusco, Louis Caloia



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.

FATHERHOOD: NOT FOR THE FAINTHEARTED

As priests, sometimes we sort of wonder how things would have been if we were real fathers – married with kids and all. Some of us sometimes miss the experience. However, while I don't know about priests from other countries and cultures, I do know that those of us from Nigeria are heavily involved in our families, far more than people realize. My niece (brother's daughter) asked me several times, the last time very recently, if she could call me 'dad'. She was dead serious about it and tried hard to convince me. Oh, she's 17 going on 18. And we've come a long way since their dad died three years ago. Her brother is 14 now. Recently he recognized a financial need in the family and told me he wants to contribute from his meager pocket money. I was so proud of him.

While I never really experienced what it means to have your biological father beside you and learn from him, God does find many ways to make up for what we miss in life. We just have to pay attention. So, he placed in my life a good uncle. Without knowing it, I learned a few vital lessons from him on what fathers are all about. From my 20 years in the ministry, I've also observed and learned what *exemplary* fathers do. Notice that I didn't say perfect, but exemplary.

From all the bits and pieces of experiences I've had and witnessed, exemplary fathers share some simple but fine, and often hard to acquire habits.

Strength is one. When my brother died, my sisters advised me not to come home, fearing that some harm might come to me too. I knew they were also afraid and in panic mode, not to talk of confusion and stress. Against their wish, I went home and I was glad I did. I'm the only male figure in my immediate family right now and I knew they needed one right then. I believe that God has endowed each sex with great and unique strengths and capabilities. Yes, mothers (single mothers especially) can provide strength for the family but fathers are equipped to do it in a very natural way also. It's like going down into the basement at night, with all the spiders and other crawly creatures. Fathers might be afraid too, but they seem to be able to feign bravado and go there. Exemplary fathers bring strength to their family, especially to their kids.

I've come a long way with my family, especially with those two – just being there, knowing when to lead and when to support. I know many fathers have done much more, since that's their natural turf. So, exemplary fathers know when to lead and when to support. This is one of the aspects that we lack in our families nowadays. We have fathers who are at a loss on how to lead or worse, who lead their families (especially their kids) astray by their words and examples. We have fathers who not only don't support their families and kids but end up undermining them.

As we celebrate our Fathers today, we pray for more exemplary fathers. We pray for those who are living and showing good examples to their kids and helping them on their way to becoming responsible adults and fathers. Sadly, our society is tending towards thinking that fathers are expendable. We must resist this. Mothers are indispensable and fathers are in their own unique ways indispensable.

In the gospel (Luke 9:18-24), Jesus tells us, especially fathers, that if anyone wishes to come after him, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Him. He says that whoever wishes to save his life will eventually lose it, but whoever loses his life for His sake will save it.

The vocation to fatherhood is not about you the father, but really about your kids and your family. It's about dying to yourself so that your family might live. And rather than see this as a loss, to succeed, you must see it as the only true way to Life.

Happy Father's Day to all our Fathers.



Father Raphael Ezeh, MSP



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL THE FATHERS OF OUR PARISH – WE LOVE YOU ALL!

May God bless each and every father in our Parish today and throughout the coming year.

The Pastoral Council will meet this Monday, June 20th, at 7:00 p.m. in the school. All members are encouraged to attend.



The **ALTAR FLOWERS, ALTAR BREAD & WINE, ALTAR CANDLES** and **SANCTUARY LAMP** for the week have been donated by Louis & Angela Brusco in loving memory of Fiore Brusco and Gabriel Nanoia.



Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Reverend Joseph J. Smolinski.



FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES

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.



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.
- To learn more call Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676.

FATHER'S DAY CARDS AND NOVENA

This Sunday, June 19th 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 on Sunday, June 19th, and will end on Monday, June 27th. 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 Parish Office by Monday, June 20th. Remember, on Father's Day we will invoke a special blessing on all the fathers during all of the Masses.

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Bartholomew's Parish Picnic

St. Joseph's Seminary

Next Sunday, June 26th from Noon to 5 p.m.

Sponsored by the Holy Name Society

Adults and Seniors: \$15.00

Children Under 14: \$10.00

\$40 per Family (includes parents and all children under 18)



For above prices, please purchase tickets prior to this Monday, June 20th. Contact Tom Hoffman at 914 476-7976 or the Parish Office at 914 965-0566. Any ticket purchased after June 20th, add \$5.00 per ticket.

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.

Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month after the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. All youths age 13 and up are invited. Due to Father's Day, there will be no meeting this Sunday, June 19th.

Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ St_Barts_youth.

The Serra Club of Bronx & Westchester

Luncheon June 22, 2016 at Eastchester Manor

Eastchester Manor is located at Eastchester Road and Boston Post Road. Guest speaker is Reverend Nelson Belizario, O. Carm., Pastor of St. Simon Stock and St. Joseph Parishes, Bronx New York. The Serra Club is an international organization to foster and promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Cost is \$25.00 per person, RSVP by June 20th to 718 671-8915.

The **Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers** will hold its annual Communion Breakfast on Sunday, September 25th. Mass will be at St. Ann's Church, 31 College Place, Yonkers, New York at 10 a.m. Breakfast will immediately follow at the Fairways at Dunwoodie Golf Course. Cost is \$23.00 per person. All are welcome. For more information, please call 914 423-5331.

Job Posting

St. Joseph Hill Academy, an all girls High School is seeking a principal to uphold its mission of preparing its students, academically and spiritually, to become confident young women ready to meet society's challenges. The ideal candidate will be a practicing Roman Catholic with prior relevant experience with school administration, fiscal and strategic planning, and will possess excellent communication skills necessary to interact with the Board of Trustees, faculty, the student body and the Staten Island Community. Candidates should hold a Master's Degree. Please send resumes and cover letters to sisterwilliam@gmail.com.

Tuition-Free Job Training

Grace Institute helps women transition back into the workforce. Technical and professional skills taught. Classes begin September, 2016. Attend an Open House and learn more! Please visit [@graceinstitute.org](http://www.graceinstitute.org/admissions) or call 212 832-7605.

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

	6/14/15	6/12/16	Difference
Adults	\$5,794.10	\$6,466.25	+\$ 672.15
Children	\$ 51.40	\$ 79.70	+\$ 28.30
Total	\$5,845.50	\$6,545.95	+\$ 700.45

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!

In lieu of filling out envelopes weekly, please consider signing up for online giving at www.parishpay.com or use the forms at the rear of the church. Thus far, we have 6 families that have signed up.



LORD
give strength
to your people

Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Richard Meyers, Rosalie Heit, Andrea Objay, Margaret Maccia, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Charles Wighton, Michael Tomanelli, Ariella Castillo, Gail Chappory, Randolph Castillo, Jr., Deacon Pat Troy, Deacon Jim Byrne, Gregory Clemens, Florence McCormack, Mary Bryce, Anna Bonacci, Benjamin Pelliccio, William Flower, Efrain Arzola, Joan Oliver, Henry Joseph Deacon Bob Clemens, Carolyn Cesta, William Bodack, Joseph Mahoney, Mary De Santis, Leticia Agosto and Joseph Fletcher.

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

BIBLE STUDY

Please join us every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the School Building.

ADOPTION OPPORTUNITY: Baby girls in China need homes. Infants and toddlers are available. Older parents and single women are welcomed. For more information call Barbara Salvesen on (845) 623-5277.



SOCIAL MINISTRY: Our Food Pantry has an ongoing need for canned fruit, juices, pasta sauces and rice. Please keep this in mind when you see sales on your trips to the supermarket. Thank you for your continuing support!!

JUNE 19, 2016

Mass Intentions  *for the Week*

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, June 18 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Sunday, June 19

8:30 AM Carmine Nicholas Maccia +
10:00 AM Fiore Brusco & Gabriel Nanoia +
11:30 AM JulieAnn Campisi Moroch +
5:00 PM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Fathers

Monday, June 20

Weekday

7:00 AM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Fathers
9:00 AM Richard Gerace +

Tuesday, June 21

Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

7:00 AM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Fathers
9:00 AM Benjamin Filippone +

Wednesday, June 22

Weekday

7:00 AM Roberto Capuano +
9:00 AM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Fathers

Thursday, June 23

Weekday

7:00 AM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Fathers
9:00 AM Angelina Brusco

Friday, June 24

The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

7:00 AM Reverend Anthony Ita Bassey, MSP +
9:00 AM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Fathers

Saturday, June 25

Weekday

9:00 AM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Fathers

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, June 25 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Joanne D'Angelo +

Sunday, June 26

8:30 AM Angela & Amedeo Lepore +
10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish
11:30 AM Margaret Verderosa +
5:00 PM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Fathers

JUNE 19, 2016

FATHER'S DAY PRAYER



Father, we ask that You bless those fathers
Who have striven to balance the demands
Of work, marriage, and children
With an honest awareness of both joy and
sacrifice.

Let us praise those fathers,
Who lacking a good model for a father,
Have worked to become a good father.

Father, we ask that You bless those fathers
Who by their own account
Were not always there for their children,
But who continue to offer those children, now grown,
Their love and support.
Let us pray for those fathers who have been wounded
By the neglect and hostility of their children.

Father, we ask that You bless those fathers,
Who despite divorce have remained in their children's
lives.

Let us praise those fathers whose children are adopted,
And whose love and support has offered healing.

Father, we ask that You bless those fathers,
Who as stepfathers,
Freely choose the obligation of fatherhood
And earn their step children's love and respect.
Let us praise those fathers who have lost a child to death,
And continue to hold the child in their hearts.

Father, we ask that You bless those men,
Who have no children,
But cherish the next generation as if they were their own.

Father, we ask that You bless those men
Who have "fathered" us in their role as mentors and
guides.

Father, we ask that You bless those men
Who are about to become fathers;
May they openly delight in their children.

And Father, we ask that You bless those fathers
Who have died,
But live on in our memory
And whose love continues to nurture us.

Amen.

TAKE A CHANCE.....

St. Bartholomew's Church Scratch off Raffle

\$10 per ticket/Win 100 \$5.00 Scratch Off Tickets

Winning Ticket will be drawn at the September Family Breakfast

**Fill out information below and return with your \$10 in the
collection basket or to the Parish Office for a chance to win!!!**

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____